



Senate Minority Leader John McKinney, R-Fairfield, addresses the Senate floor at the Capitol in Hartford, Conn., Wednesday, April 3, 2013.
(AP Photo/Charles Krupa)

Connecticut Senate OKs gun control bills

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HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — The state Senate on Wednesday approved wide-ranging legislation in response to last year's deadly school shooting in Newtown, including gun control measures that ban the sales of large-capacity ammunition magazines and more than 100 weapons that previously had been legal.

Following a respectful and at times somber debate, the Senate voted 26-10 in favor of a bill crafted by leaders from both major parties in the Democratic-controlled legislature. The vote was bipartisan, with two Democrats voting with Republicans against the bill and six Republicans joining the Democrats in supporting it.

The bill was to go to the House of Representatives, which was expected to pass it. It would then be sent to Democratic Gov. Dannel P. Malloy, who has said he'll sign it into law.

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North Korea:

Military cleared to wage nuke attack



North Koreans punch the air during a rally at Kim Il Sung Square in downtown Pyongyang, North Korea. Tens of thousands turned out for the rally in support of their leader Kim Jong Un's call to arms. The placard reads "U.S. forces, get out!"
(AP Photo/Jon Chol Jin)

US responds with missile defense shield to Guam

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon said Wednesday it was deploying a missile defense shield to Guam to protect the U.S. and its allies in the region in response to increasingly hostile rhetoric from North Korea. The North renewed its threat to launch a nuclear attack on the United States. The threat issued by the General Staff of the Korean People's Army capped a week of psychological warfare and military muscle moves by both sides that have rattled the region. On Wednesday, the Pentagon announced it will deploy a land-based, high-altitude missile defense system to Guam to strengthen the Asia-Pacific region's protections against a possible attack.

Pyongyang, for its part, said that America's ever-escalating hostile policy toward North Korea "will be smashed" by the North's nuclear strike and the "merciless operation" of its armed forces.

"The U.S. had better ponder over the prevailing grave situation," said the translated statement, which was issued before the Pentagon announced plans to send a missile defense shield to Guam.

The Pentagon had no immediate reaction to the latest statement, but earlier Wednesday Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel labeled North Korea's rhetoric as a real, clear danger and threat to the U.S. and its Asia-Pacific allies. And he said the U.S. is doing all it can to defuse the situation, echoing comments a

day earlier by Secretary of State John Kerry.

"Some of the actions they've taken over the last few weeks present a real and clear danger and threat to the interests, certainly of our allies, starting with South Korea and Japan and also the threats that the North Koreans have leveled directly at the United States regarding our base in Guam, threatened Hawaii, threatened the West Coast of the United States," Hagel said.

He said he believes that the U.S. has had a "measured, responsible, serious responses to those threats." Deployment of the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense System is the latest step the U.S. has taken to bolster forces in the region in a far-reaching show of force aimed at countering

the North Korean threat. In recent months, North Korea has taken a series of actions Washington deemed provocative, including an underground nuclear test in February and a rocket launch in December that put a satellite into space and demonstrated mastery of some of the technologies needed to produce a long-range nuclear missile. Then, several weeks ago, the North threatened to pre-emptively attack the U.S. In response, the Pentagon announced it would enhance missile defenses based on the U.S. West Coast, and it highlighted the deployment of B-52 and B-2 bombers, as well as two F-22 stealth fighters, to South Korea as part of an annual military exercise.

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U.S. forces on the scene after suicide bombers attacked a police headquarters in Jalalabad, Afghanistan. Suicide bombers disguised as Afghan soldiers stormed a courthouse Wednesday, April 3, 2013, in a failed bid to free more than a dozen Taliban prisoners in western Afghanistan, officials said.

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Scores killed in Taliban assault

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KABUL, Afghanistan — In one of the most deadly insurgent attacks in the decade-long war in Afghanistan, nine Taliban fighters dressed as Afghan soldiers stormed a government compound in the western part of the country on Wednesday morning, leaving at least 44 people dead and wounding more than 100 in a hostage standoff. The complex assault began at around 8:45 a.m., when two suicide attackers detonated explosives packed into an army truck at the entrance gate of the provincial government compound in Farah, according to police officials. After the explosion, which ripped through the mayor's office and neighboring buildings, insurgents rushed the packed provincial courthouse, taking civilians and a handful of employees hostage.

Afghan security forces surrounded the building, firing at the Taliban fighters tucked away on the second floor. At some point during the nearly seven-hour gunfight, the insurgents took the hostages downstairs to the basement and shot them, the police said. By 4 p.m., the fight was over, leaving behind a scene of carnage and destruction. The death toll: 34 civilians, 10 Afghan security forces and all nine insurgents, the Farah police said. More than 100 people, mostly civilians, suffered wounds. The at-

tack highlighted the deteriorating security situation in Farah, a restive province that borders Iran to the west. The last major assault in the province occurred in May, when four insurgents dressed as police officers staged an attack on the governor's compound, killing at least 11 people and wounding a dozen others. But violent attacks in general have been on the rise recently in the province. Officials from Farah said the province has become a hotbed for the insurgency and drug traffickers, as the government focuses its resources on more violent areas of the country. Humaira Ayobi, a member of the Parliament representing Farah, said a recent effort by the police to stem the drug trade may have contributed to the violence seen Wednesday. Last month, five police officers were killed in the province while conducting a poppy eradication campaign.

As warm weather spreads throughout Afghanistan, a period referred to as the fighting season, Taliban violence is expected to increase. "Farah is bleeding and crying today," said Ayobi. "The province will mourn for weeks." On the street where the attack took place on Wednesday, witnesses described a nightmarish scene, with bodies splayed all over. Ambulances carted charred bodies from the buildings, including the offices of the mayor, prosecutor and the governor. □

Argentina:

Flooding from torrential rains kill 52

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LA PLATA, Argentina (AP) —

At least 52 people drowned in their homes and cars, were electrocuted or died in other accidents as flooding from days of torrential rains swamped Argentina's low-lying capital and province of Buenos Aires.

At least 46 died Wednesday in and around the city of La Plata, Gov. Daniel Scioli said. Six deaths were reported a day earlier in the nation's capital.

Many people climbed onto their roofs in the pouring rain after storm sewers backed up. Water surged up through drains in their kitchen and bathroom

"Such intense rain in so little time has left many people trapped in their cars, in the streets, in some cases electrocuted. We are giving priority to rescuing people who have been stuck in trees or on the roofs of their homes," Scioli said. But many complained that they had to rescue themselves and their neighbors as cars flooded to their rooftops and homes filled with up to two meters (six feet) of water.

"We lost family heirlooms, appliances, clothing," said Natalia Lescano, who escaped with her family to a friend's house on higher ground.

"It's a disgrace," said

That's where we spent the night," Mauricio Bozzano said.

The heaviest rain — almost 16 inches (400 millimeters) in just a few hours, beating historical records for the entire month of April — hit provincial La Plata overnight. A day earlier, the capital of Buenos Aires was hit hardest.

About four more inches (100 millimeters more) of rain were expected before the bad weather passes on Thursday, the national weather service said.

At least 2,500 people were evacuated from their homes to about 20 centers in the La Plata area, which is about 37 miles (60



Rescue workers in a raft maneuver through a flooded street where cars are submerged along a street in La Plata, in Argentina's Buenos Aires province, Wednesday, April 3, 2013. At least 35 people were killed by flooding overnight in Argentina's Buenos Aires province, the governor said Wednesday, bringing the overall death toll from days of torrential rains to at least 41 and leaving large stretches of the provincial capital under water.

(AP Photo/Natasha Pisarenko)

floors, and then poured in over their windowsills.

"It started to rain really hard in the evening, and began to flood," said Augustina Garcia Orsi, a 25-year-old student. "I panicked. In two seconds, I was up to my knees in water. It came up through the drains — I couldn't do anything."

The rains also flooded the country's largest refinery, causing a fire that took hours to put out. The La Plata refinery suspended operations as a result, and Argentina's YPF oil company said an emergency team was evaluating how to get it restarted.

Miguel Garcia, a 58-year-old shopkeeper. "They need to govern. My mother-in-law is disabled. We had to carry her up to the roof, and then we had to rescue ourselves because no ambulance would come." The coast guard finally reached the Bozzano family on their rooftop an hour before dawn. By then, their car had floated away and everything inside the house was destroyed.

"We were trapped inside the house and couldn't get out because of the water pressure. Finally we were able to open a door and escaped to the roof.

kilometers) southeast of Argentina's capital.

The flooding threatened to ruin food supplies across La Plata's metropolitan area, which has nearly 1 million people. It also closed the private Spanish Hospital, a complex that covers an entire city block, after waters rushed into the basement, cutting power and destroying X-ray machines and other diagnostic equipment.

"We're sending away all the patients and the hospital will be closed for several days," said Sebastian Sambron, one of the hospital's top officials. □

U.S. eyes increasingly hostile rhetoric from North Korea

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As the exchange of rhetoric grew, U.S. officials this week said the Navy would keep the USS Decatur, a destroyer armed with missile defense systems, near the Korean peninsula for an unspecified period of time. Another destroyer, the USS John S. McCain, was shifted to the waters off the southwest coast of the Korean peninsula. Tensions have flared many times in the six decades since a truce halted the 1950-53 Korean War, but the stakes are higher now that a defiant North Korea appears to have moved closer to building a nuclear bomb that could not only threaten the South and other U.S. allies in Asia but possibly, one day, even reach U.S. territory. Even without nuclear arms, the communist North poses enough artillery within range of Seoul to devastate

large parts of the capital before U.S. and South Korea could fully respond. The U.S. has about 28,500 troops in the South, and it could call on an array of air, ground and naval forces to reinforce the peninsula from elsewhere in Asia and the Pacific.

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Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel answers questions as he speaks at the National Defense University at Fort McNair in Washington, Wednesday, April 3, 2013. On Wednesday, Hagel labeled North Korea's rhetoric as a real, clear danger and threat to the U.S. and its Asia-Pacific allies.

(AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta)

In a budget gesture, Obama to return 5% of his salary

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WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama plans to return 5 percent of his salary to the Treasury in solidarity with federal workers who are going to be furloughed as part of the automatic budget cuts known as sequester, an administration official said Wednesday. The voluntary move would be retroactive to March 1, the official said, and will apply through the rest of the fiscal year, which ends in September.

The White House came up with the 5 percent figure to approximate the level of spending cuts to non-defense federal agencies that took effect that day. "The president has decided that, to share in the sacrifice being made by public servants across the federal government that are affected by the sequester, he will contribute a portion of his salary back to the Treasury," the official said.

Word of the president's



President Barack Obama disembarks Marine One before boarding Air Force One en route to Denver at Andrews Air Force Base, April 3, 2013. The president, who makes \$400,000 a year, will return 5 percent of his salary this year to the Treasury in solidarity with federal workers who will be furloughed as part of the sequester budget cuts, an administration official said Wednesday.

(Doug Mills/The New York Times)

decision came a day after Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel and Deputy Defense Secretary Ashton B. Carter disclosed that they would return a share of their salaries commensurate with the pay lost by the depart-

ment's civilian employees who are expected to be furloughed for 14 days before the end of the fiscal year.

The president makes \$400,000 a year, so a pay cut of 5 percent for the

whole year amounts to \$20,000; an administration official said Obama would pay back that amount, compressing the total over the remaining months of the fiscal year.

The president's salary is

set by law and cannot be changed during his term, so he will write a check to the government starting this month, the official said. Obama and his wife, Michelle, reported adjusted gross income of \$789,674 in 2011, the last year such figures were publicly available.

Much of the additional money came from royalties from his books. The Obamas donated \$172,130, or nearly 22 percent of their adjusted gross income, to charity.

Obama gives after-tax proceeds from his children's book to a scholarship fund for children of slain and disabled soldiers.

On Wednesday afternoon, even as the president's decision was being reported, Sen. Mark Begich, D-Alaska, announced that he also would voluntarily give back part of his salary and that more than half of his staff members would have their pay cut this year even though the sequester does not include members of Congress or their aides. □

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A Capitol security officer enters a revolving door at the legislative office building, with a sign warning not to bring weapons on to the grounds at the Capitol in Hartford, Conn., Wednesday, April 3, 2013. Hundreds of gun rights advocates gathered at the statehouse in Hartford to witness a vote in the General Assembly on gun-control legislation.

(AP Photo/Charles Krupa)

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Sheriff shot dead in West Virginia; suspect in hospital

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WILLIAMSON, W.Va. (AP) —

A sheriff known for cracking down on the drug trade in southern West Virginia's coalfields was fatally shot Wednesday in the spot where he usually parked his car for lunch, a state official said, and a suspect was in custody.

State Police told Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin that Mingo County Sheriff Eugene Crum died of his wounds, said his chief of staff Rob Alsop.

State Police spokesman Sgt. Michael Baylous identified the suspect as 37-year-old Tennis Melvin Maynard and said he was being treated at Cabell Huntington Hospital in Huntington for gunshot wounds late Wednesday.

Baylous said the suspect's condition was unknown, but Maynard was shot by a sheriff's deputy after a short pursuit in Delbarton that ended with Maynard crashing his car.

The courthouse was evacu-

uated after the shooting, streets into the city were temporarily blocked off and officers held white sheets around the crime scene, Crum's body further shielded by two vehicles. The shooting occurred within a block of the county courthouse, said Office of Emergency Services head dispatcher Willis Spence. Officials planned a news conference for 6 p.m. in the county in the southwest corner of West Virginia, on the border with Kentucky.

Delegate Harry Keith White, who campaigned with Crum last year, said his friend was shot to death in the same place where he parked his car most days to eat lunch, near the site of a former pharmacy known for illegally distributing pills. Crum led a drug task force and an initiative called Operation Zero Tolerance, making good on a campaign pledge, White said. "I think anybody you ask would tell you he was a great guy, always with a positive attitude, always

trying to help people," White said. "It's just a sad, sad day for Mingo County and the state of West Virginia."

Jerry Cline stood near the site of the slaying hours later, recalling how Crum watched the traffic and

Cline's mind.

"He told them right before he got in as sheriff, 'If you're dealing drugs, I'm coming after you. I'm cleaning this town up,'" Cline said. "... He got out just to do one thing, and that's the clean this town up. That's all that

time, it's like you've known him all your life," she said. "Every time you'd see him, he was always the same. He always had a smile on his face. He was a very loving person."

Crum had resigned his post as a county magistrate before launching his sheriff's campaign as a signal of integrity, preferring to run as a civilian rather than an official, White said.

He won the primarily handily and ran unopposed in the general election in the fall.

Crum had been a magistrate for 12 years and had previously served as police chief in Delbarton.

After dozens of indictments were issued earlier this year, Prosecutor Michael Sparks issued a press release declaring that Crum "exceeded my highest expectations" and "has provided a game changing boost to our drug enforcement program."

Delegate Justin Marcum, D-Mingo and an assistant county prosecutor, called Crum "a true friend to the county." □



Law enforcement officers and emergency service personnel converge on the scene of the shooting in downtown Williamson, W.Va., Wednesday, April 3, 2013, where Sheriff Eugene Crum was shot and killed at point blank range.

(AP Photo/Kyle Lovern)

the community but "never messed with nobody unless they were violating the law." Authorities have not said whether the shooting was related to Crum's drug crackdown, but it was on

man tried to do."

Cline's wife, Loretta, said the sheriff was a good friend to everyone, even those who barely knew him.

"Once you meet him one

Worker missing as cruise ship breaks from US port

MOBILE, Alabama (AP) — High winds dislodged a disabled cruise ship from its mooring Wednesday, and crews were searching for a missing shipyard worker whose guard shack was blown into the water by the same strong winds, the U.S. Coast Guard said.

Authorities said the Triumph becoming dislodged and the shack blowing into the water were not directly related.

The Carnival Cruise Lines ship Triumph was disabled Feb. 10, by an engine fire that stranded thousands of passengers onboard for days in the Gulf. It was slowly towed into port and miserable passengers were able to get off.

The National Weather Service reported winds between 35 mph (56 kph) and 65 mph (105 kph) blowing through the area on Wednesday afternoon.

Two shipyard workers fell into the water when the winds hit their guard shack, said Steve Huffman, spokesman for the Mobile Fire-Rescue Department.

"We recovered one person. He was taken to the hospital. He will be fine, the only thing he's suffering from is mild hypothermia," Huffman said.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Bill Colclough said the missing man worked for BAE Systems that runs a ship-repair operation on the Mobile River.

Carnival spokesman Vance Gulliksen said the ship drifted and is resting against a cargo vessel.

"There are tug vessels that are in the process of stabilizing the triumph," Colclough said, adding it was unclear how far the ship drifted before coming to a rest. □

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US soldier charged with killing wife

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Associated Press

SAVANNAH, Georgia (AP)

— An American soldier accused of plotting attacks as the leader of an anti-U.S. government militia group was charged by the Army on Wednesday with murder in the 2011 death of his pregnant wife.

Pvt. Isaac Aguigui will face a military hearing to determine if he should be tried by court-martial for the deaths of his wife, Army Sgt. Deirdre Aguigui, and the child they lost in July 2011, Fort Stewart officials in southeast Georgia said. "Every victim deserves to have their case prosecuted. In this case it took some time," said Fort Stewart spokesman Kevin Larson.

Months after his wife's death, Aguigui and three fellow Fort Stewart soldiers were charged by civilian authorities in the December 2011 shooting deaths of Michael Roark, a former member of their Army unit, and Roark's teenage girlfriend.

Civilian prosecutors have called Aguigui the leader of a militia group of malcontented Army soldiers who plotted attacks ranging from bombing a park fountain in Savannah to poisoning apple crops in Washington state. They say Aguigui used a \$500,000 life insurance payout from his wife's death to buy guns and bomb components and ordered his followers to kill Roark and his

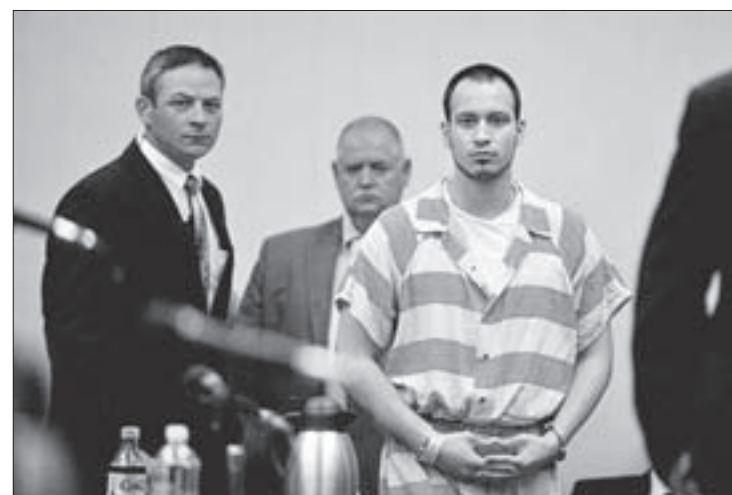
girlfriend, Tiffany York, fearing they would expose the group.

Roark's father, Brett Roark, said the slayings of his son and York could have been prevented had the Army charged Aguigui sooner.

"The original command structure didn't do their job," Roark said. "This should have stopped at her murder."

Deirdre Aguigui, an Army linguist, became pregnant after returning home to Fort Stewart from a deployment to Iraq. A few months later, on July 17, 2011, she was found dead at the couple's home on the Army post.

Fort Stewart officials and the woman's family have declined to discuss her



Pvt. Isaac Aguigui during a preliminary hearing at Long County Superior Court in Ludowici, Ga. Aguigui, accused by prosecutors in 2011 of plotting attacks as leader of an anti-government militia group, was charged by the Army on Wednesday, April 3, 2013 with murder in the 2011 death of his pregnant wife, Army Sgt. Deirdre Aguigui, and with the death of their unborn son.

(AP Photo/Stephen Morton)

death because of the ongoing investigation. The Army has refused to release records pertaining to her death when The Associated Press requested them last year.

Regina Ross-Schmid, an Army spouse at Fort Stewart and friend of Deirdre Aguigui, told the AP last year that soldiers who served with her friend were never given an explanation.

"When we first were told she had died, what was said was she laid down to take a nap and when

Isaac went to wake her up, he couldn't wake her up," Ross-Schmid said in an interview last August.

According to her obituary, Deirdre Aguigui met her husband at the U.S. Military Academy Prep School, which prepares cadets for admission to West Point, but he never became an officer. Instead, Isaac Aguigui's service record shows he followed his wife in November 2010 to Fort Stewart, where the young private served as an intelligence analyst in the Army's 3rd Infantry Division. □



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Milwaukee's archdiocese to release sex abuse files

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Associated Press

MILWAUKEE (AP)

— The Archdiocese of Milwaukee said Wednesday it will publicly release thousands of pages of documents tied to sexual abuse lawsuits, including depositions with some of its former top officials. The archdiocese had been fighting the release of the documents, and it made its announcement the day before a hearing on the matter was to be held in U.S. bankruptcy court in Milwaukee. The archdiocese filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in January 2011 to deal with about 500 sex abuse claims filed by men and women. Lawyers representing those people had been seeking the documents' release. The documents to be released include depositions given

by New York Cardinal Timothy Dolan, who previously led the Milwaukee archdiocese, former Milwaukee Archbishop Rembert Weakland and retired Bishop Richard Skiba. Victims' advocates have accused archdiocese leaders of transferring abusive priests to other parishes and concealing their crimes for decades. Jerry Topczewski, chief of staff for Archbishop Jerome Listecki, said the archdiocese plans to post the documents on its website by July 1. Along with the depositions, the cache will include documents from priests' personnel files and the files of bishops and other church leaders. Topczewski said one reason for the delay was to ensure that the identities of sexual abuse victims were fully redacted before the documents were made public. □

Too early for 2016? Not for Hillary Clinton's fans

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

Hillary Rodham Clinton stayed on safe political ground Tuesday, advocating women's rights globally in a 12-minute speech, but that was enough to excite fans imploring the former first lady, senator and secretary of state to run again for president three years from now.

Clinton, perhaps as popular as ever in her 22 years in national politics, said she has "unwavering faith in the untapped potential of women and girls." She spoke at the Vital Voices Global Leadership Awards, at Washington's Kennedy Center. The event, highlighting efforts such as expanding education for girls and fighting domestic violence worldwide, marked her first public speech since ending her much-praised stint as secretary of state.

As members of the group Ready for Hillary cheered outside, the 2016 political buzz was inevitable. Vice President Joe Biden — another potential Democratic candidate — spoke later at the same event.

If Clinton has any jealousy, she didn't show it. She praised Biden effusively, especially for his role in Congress' recent renewal of the Violence Against Women Act.

Biden returned the compliment a half-hour later, after Clinton had left the stage, telling the mostly female audience of more than 2,000 that "there's no woman like Hillary Clinton." Biden said Clinton's declaration in China nearly two decades ago — "Women's rights are human rights," she said at the time — "still echoes forcefully around

the world." Women everywhere, he said, "are entitled to every single opportunity that any man is."

Clinton, 65, has said she has no plans for a second presidential bid, but she hasn't ruled it out. Democrats argue among themselves whether she has the desire and energy to go through the grueling campaign process she knows so well. But many see her as a prohibitive favorite whose head start would be so big that other potential candidates might starve for funds and attention.

A Washington Post-ABC News poll in January found that 67 percent of Americans held a favorable view of Clinton. That's her highest rating since the poll began measuring her popularity in the 1990s. It spans her eight years in the Senate.

"It's hard to overstate the breadth and depth of enthusiasm for a Hillary run," said Doug Hattaway, a former Clinton campaign aide and now a Washington-based consultant. She built a national base of supporters in 2008, when she lost a hard-fought nomination fight to Barack Obama, and she's widely respected after her turn heading the State Department, Hattaway said.

"A lot of donors, volunteers and potential campaign workers will wait to hear what she decides before committing to other candidates," he said, although "anyone with their eye on 2016 is already working on it."

Mo Elleithee, a top spokesman for Clinton's 2008 campaign, said it's much too early to press her for an answer.

"My advice to everyone is

to chill out," Elleithee said. "There's no need for all this breathless anticipation at

candidacy. There may be no one in America with a clearer view of what it

husband's impeachment.

On the same day her husband's successor was elected, Clinton handily won a Senate seat from New York. She breezed to re-election in 2006 and was the early favorite for the 2008 presidential nomination.

But Obama used his early opposition to the Iraq war, plus a keen understanding of how to win small states' delegates, to outmaneuver the Clinton team. Obama promptly tapped his former rival to be secretary of state, assuring Clinton another prime post at the center of national policy and politics.

Some Democrats want the party to look to younger candidates, noting that Clinton will turn 69 shortly before Election Day 2016, and Biden will turn 74 soon after. Those drawing notice include New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, 55, and Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley, 50.

As runner-up in the 2008 Democratic primary, Clinton arguably is the party's heir apparent. □



Supporters of Hillary Rodham Clinton demonstrate outside of the Kennedy Center in Washington, where the former Secretary of State is attending the Vital Voices Global Partnership 2013 Global Leadership Awards gala, Tuesday, April 2, 2013.

(AP Photo/Cliff Owen)

this point," he said, and political activists should focus on next year's mid-term elections.

Noting that Clinton said she has no intention of running, he said, "I think that's where her head is." But he said he shares "the enthusiasm" for a Clinton

takes to run for president.

Clinton was a highly visible adviser and defender of her husband, Bill, then the Arkansas governor, when he was elected president in 1992 in 1996. Her eight years as first lady included the excruciating Monica Lewinsky scandal and her

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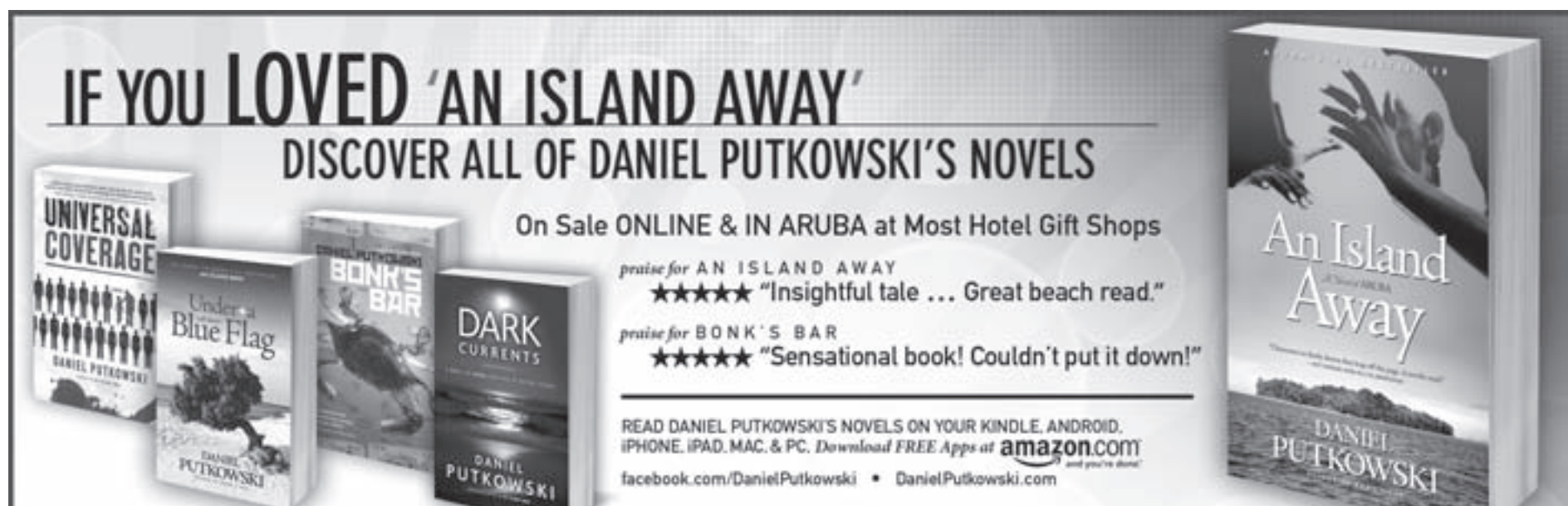
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Hollande pledges clean sweep amid probe

GREG KELLER
Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — For a French president who came to power on a promise of "irreproachability," naming a lying tax-dodger to be his chief tax collector was probably not the best move.

Now Francois Hollande is a president on the ropes, reeling from a potentially knockout blow delivered by his ex-budget minister, a man who admitted this week that he had hidden hundreds of thousands of euros from the tax man for decades and lied about it. Those lies from Jerome Cahuzac came both in front of the National Assembly and to Hollande's own face.

Worst of all for Hollande was that he billed his presidency as a return to morality and simplicity after what his Socialist Party dubbed the "bling-bling" years of his conservative predecessor Nicolas Sarkozy. Now Hollande has handed Sarkozy's opposition UMP party the club it needs to bash him and his Socialist government for the rest of his presidency.

After months of denials, Cahuzac wrote on his blog Tuesday that he had told investigating judges he had a foreign bank account for 20 years. Cahuzac, who had long criticized the use of overseas tax havens, quit the government last month as the scandal swelled.

The opposition UMP party has already been mercilessly haranguing Hollande and the Socialists for economic mismanagement after the government ad-

mitted it would not be able to trim the deficit as far as it had pledged to its European partners.

Cutting that deficit by cracking down on tax-dodgers was part of Cahuzac's job as Hollande's budget minister.

That makes his surprise admission of a secret Swiss bank account — after

secret in December.

Hollande made an unusual taped TV appearance Wednesday to respond to the crisis. Shaking his fist in a bid to appear forceful, Hollande called Cahuzac's actions "unpardonable" and "an outrage to the Republic." At the same time, Hollande tried to deflect the scandal with a

finances.

It's not clear yet if that will help. Hollande is among the least popular presidents in modern French history after less than one year in office. Recent opinion polls give him an approval rating of barely more than 30 percent.

The disgust felt by French voters was expressed by Philippe Martin, a passer-by walking Wednesday near the Champs Elysees in Paris. "He dared to look into someone else's eyes and say he didn't have a bank account in Switzerland, that's a disgrace," Martin said.

French voters have grown used to seeing ministers and other top public officials nabbed in various corruption probes.

"This isn't the first time it's happening," said Anne Sedonin, another passer-by in Paris. "It's sad, sad."

The executive editor of Mediapart, the online investigative journalism site, said Cahuzac's admission will set off a political "earthquake."

Edwy Plenel said what makes the Cahuzac scandal so threatening to the country's democracy "is the attitude of the whole political class," which he said had rallied behind Cahuzac.

"His admission reveals to the French citizens the inadequacy of the majority of that world," Plenel said. Plenel and others fear this latest scandal will benefit extremist parties such as Marine Le Pen's far-right National Front or the far-left New Anti-Capitalist Party.



France's former Budget Minister Jerome Cahuzac at the Elysee Palace in Paris. French President Francois Hollande is decrying an "unforgiveable moral error" by his former budget minister, who admitted Tuesday, April, 2, 2013 in his blog to lying about a once-secret foreign bank account

(AP Photo/Michel Euler)

months of denying its existence — embarrassing not only for him but for Hollande's entire cabinet. Many government ministers had taken to the airwaves to swear to Cahuzac's probity and trustworthiness after the muckraking website Mediapart first reported his

pointed reference to "the failure of one man." He also announced a string of reforms — including banning convicted fraudsters from holding public office and requiring all government ministers and members of parliament to publish details of their personal

UK duo faces jail for killing 6 children in fire

JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Mick Philpott presented himself as an amiable rascal with an unorthodox lifestyle and a rambunctious brood of children — 17 in all, with five women.

Yet the Englishman's ramshackle existence took a horrifying turn when he and his wife set a fire that killed six of their children. Prosecutors said it was an attempt to influence a custody battle that "went disastrously and tragically wrong." The May 2012 deaths and the twisting saga that ensued have shocked Britain and sparked debate on everything from sexism to Britain's welfare system.

A judge said she would sentence Mick and Mairead Philpott on Thursday for their manslaughter convictions in the deaths of Jayden, Jesse, Jack, John, Jade and Duwayne, aged 5 to 13. Prosecutors said the couple hatched a plan to start a gasoline-fueled fire and then rescue the children, pinning blame on Philpott's mistress so he could gain advantage in their child custody battle.

The plan went wrong within minutes, because the fire was far bigger than expected and the father was unable to smash a window to get in, prosecutors said. The couple and a friend who helped them, Paul Mosley, were all convicted of manslaughter this week at England's Nottingham Crown Court. □

Syrian rebels continue bold push into strategic south

ZEINA KARAM
Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Syrian rebels captured a military base in the south on Wednesday and set their sights on seizing control of a strategically important region along the border with Jordan that would give them a critical gateway to attempt an attack on the capital, Damascus.

With foreign aid and training of rebels in Jordan ramping up, the opposition fighters have regained momentum in their fight to topple President Bashar Assad. But while the fall of southern Syria would facilitate the rebel push for Damascus, it might also create dangerous complications, potentially drawing Syria's neighbors into the 2-year-old civil war. Besides abutting Jordan, the region includes territory that borders Syria's side of the Golan Heights, along a sensitive frontier with Israel.

"This is a very sensitive triangle we are talking about," said Hisham Jaber, a retired Lebanese army general who heads the Middle East Center for Studies and Political Research in Beirut. "The fall of Daraa, if it happens, may usher in strategic changes in the area."

For the rebels, control of the south is key to their advance toward Damascus. Dozens of fighting brigades have carved up footholds in areas to the east and south of the capital, where they fire off mortar shells on the heavily guarded city.

The significance of their gains in the south was on display Wednesday when the rebels stormed a military base after a five-day siege. "Damascus will be liberated from here, from Daraa, from the south," declared an armed fighter, a rifle slung over his shoulder and a kaffiyeh tied around his face. Videos posted online by activists showed him and other unidentified rebels celebrating inside the Syrian army's 49th battalion in the village of Alma, on the outskirts of Daraa.

"We will march to the presidential palace from here," said another fighter, amid bursts of Allahu Akbar, or

God is great. The videos showed rebels from the Suqour Houran, or Eagles of Houran brigade, driving a Russian-made armored personnel carrier inside the base. "These missiles are now under our control," said a fighter, standing before a missile loaded on a truck.

Another video, posted by the Fajr al-Islam brigade, showed the rebels walking around the base as the heavy thud of incoming artillery rounds fired by nearby regime forces was heard in the background. A destroyed rocket, army trucks and radars were seen on the ground.

The videos appeared consistent with Associated Press reporting from the area.

The capture of the base is the latest advance by opposition fighters near the strategic border with Jordan. Last month, opposition fighters seized Dael, one of the province's big-

ger towns, and overran another air defense base in the region.

Opposition fighters battling Assad's troops have been chipping away at the regime's hold on the southern part of the country in recent weeks with the help of an influx of foreign-funded weapons. □



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Spain king's daughter suspected in corruption case

CIARAN GILES
Associated Press

MADRID (AP) — In another blow to Spain's royal family, a court named Princess Cristina, the king's daughter, as a suspect Wednesday in a corruption case involving her husband. The Palma de Mallorca court announced that the 47-year-old princess will be called in for questioning on April 27. She has not been charged with any offense and faces no restrictions on her freedom. Her husband, Inaki Urdangarin, a lead suspect in the investigation, has also not been charged with any crime. The court summons is a first for a member of the king's immediate family. The Royal Palace expressed surprise at the judge's decision and would not com-

ment about what the princess' defense will be. The announcement comes after a year of health and image problems for 75-year-old King Juan Carlos, once one of Spain's most popular figures, widely admired for his role in helping steer Spain to democracy in the 1970s after decades of dictatorship. But the Mallorca corruption case and other issues have eaten away at Spaniards' admiration for their royal family — especially as a crippling economic crisis has widened the gap between rich and poor. "This is the toughest blow the royal family has received within the last few years, or ever since I can remember," Jan Martinez Ahrens, deputy editor of El Pais, the country's leading

newspaper, told The Associated Press. Investigating authorities allege that Urdangarin and his former business partner Diego Torres funneled about 5 million euros (\$6.4 million) in public funds

member. In a court document Wednesday, investigating magistrate Judge Jose Castro said the princess was a board member on two of her husband's companies. The magis-

could lead the princess to be classified as an accomplice.

Urdangarin, 45, has already been questioned twice by Castro since the probe began two years ago.

The magistrate said for the investigation to be completed and to show that justice treats all equally, the princess must be questioned.

Speculation that the princess could be involved began when Torres reportedly began turning over to the judge copies of emails he had exchanged with Urdangarin.

The judge recently set joint bail of 8.2 million euros (\$10.5 million) for Urdangarin and Torres and said the two "ignored the rules of public contracting as long as they achieved their aim, which was no other than to divert public funds for their own benefit or that of others." He said the two decided to make as much as possible out of Urdangarin's relationship with the Royal Palace in their dealings with public and private entities. □



Spain's King Juan Carlos with his daughter, Princess Cristina, and her husband, Inaki Urdangarin, in Barcelona, Spain. On Wednesday April 3, 2013 a Spanish court named the king's daughter Princess Cristina as a suspect in a corruption case involving her husband and will be called in for questioning on April 27.
(AP Photo/Jasper Juinen)

to companies they controlled. The two ran a non-profit organization called the Noos Institute, through which the funds were channeled and of which the princess was a board

trate added there was evidence the princess was aware that her husband had used her name and status in his dealings, from which both had benefited. Castro said such evidence

Serbia blames Kosovo Albanians over talks

DUSAN STOJANOVIC
Associated Press

BELGRADE, Serbia (AP) — Serbia blamed Kosovo's ethnic Albanian leaders on Wednesday for the failure of European Union-mediated talks on the future of Serb-controlled northern Kosovo, and said it will have to make some "painful" decisions to try reach a compromise with its bitter Balkan foe. Presidential adviser Marko Djuric said after a meeting of the Serbian leadership that Serb proposals were rejected by ethnic Albanian officials during the meeting in Brussels that

broke up early Wednesday.

"We failed to reach any compromise, but we are determined to head that way," Djuric said.

Serbian Deputy Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic said Serbia has until the next Tuesday to make a "dramatic" decision on whether to accept or reject an agreement with Kosovo Albanians.

Serbian officials said the stumbling block in the talks was their demand that ethnic Serbs, who represent about 10 percent of Kosovo's 2 million people, have their own judiciary and

police force. The Serbian government also wants any future Kosovo army to be banned from patrolling the areas in Kosovo where ethnic Serbs represent a majority. Serbia is required to normalize relations with its neighbors if it wants ultimately to join the European Union. But Kosovo officials have rejected the demands from Belgrade, saying they would be tantamount to a division of Kosovo into two separate entities. Earlier, Kosovo Prime Minister Hashim Thaci said his delegation's proposals were met with "hesitation" by Serbia. □



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Chile's Pinera claims no risk of economy overheating

LUIS HENAO

Associated Press

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) —

Chile's fast-growing economy is robust, healthy and can continue to expand, free from risks of overheating, President Sebastian Pinera said on Wednesday. The economy of the world's No.1 copper producer has been growing on the back of its strong mining industry and local demand. But the finance minister said this week that Chile might take measures to avoid having the economy expand so quickly that productive capacity can't keep pace with demand, boiling over into inflation. The central bank on Tuesday elevated its estimate for growth to 5.5 percent for 2013.

"The bulk of investment in Chile is financed through Chilean savings and only a small part with foreign savings, besides that, the current account deficit is being financed not through debt but through direct foreign investment," Pinera told foreign correspondents at the presidential palace.

While he said the government has a "constant concern of not overheating the economy, I'm convinced that the Chilean economy is growing healthy, strong and in a sustainable way, and that it can continue to grow at this rhythm." □

Venezuela:

Opposition warns of military meddling in campaign

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Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) —

Venezuela's presidential campaign on Wednesday veered between warnings of military meddling in the April 14 vote and opposition mirth at the acting president's suggestion that the spirit of Hugo Chavez visited him as "a little bird" while he prayed.

Opposition lawmaker Alfonso Marquina presented a complaint to Venezuela's elections council, demanding it sanction officers who have publicly backed Nicolas Maduro, who has been acting president since President Hugo Chavez's death on March 5.

Marquina has alleged that Defense Minister Diego Molero and National Guard Gen. Antonio Benavides plan to use military resources to intimidate voters, especially those dependent on government services, to cast ballots for Maduro.

Maduro's campaign denies the allegations and there was no immediate comment from the council. But the controversy was almost overshadowed in the press and chatter in the street by Maduro's latest move to draw an almost religious connection to Chavez, whom he served as foreign minister and vice president.

Maduro declared on Tuesday that a "little bird" appeared as he was praying alone in a little wooden chapel shortly after Chavez's death.

"It sang, and I responded with a song and the bird took flight, circled around

once and then flew away, and I felt the spirit and blessings of Commander Hugo Chavez for this battle," said Maduro, who interspersed his remarks with sounds to simulate the flapping of the bird's wings and its whistle. The message, delivered as

could not compete: "If you laugh, it's not because of us."

Images of birds with Chavez's head circulated among government critics on social networking sites such as Twitter and Facebook, prompting Maduro

uro said, according to the government news agency. Venezuela's Constitution bans military officers from publicly promoting politicians or political parties. But in his 14 years in power, Chavez co-opted the armed forces' leadership to ensure loyalty to his socialist government, especially after he was briefly ousted in a coup in 2002.

Opposition candidate Henrique Capriles and his supporters have lambasted top-ranking military officers, including Molero and Benavides, for publicly backing Maduro in the April 14 election.

But just one day after Chavez died, Molero said the military would follow instructions left by Chavez. He did not elaborate.

"The national armed forces will not fail Chavez," Molero declared. "Once elections are organized, we will honor his wishes and we will give the fascists a tough blow."

On March 21, the defense minister tweeted: "From this day on, we join the battle of ideas the Supreme Commander of the Revolution pushed forward."

On Tuesday, Maduro accused the opposition of attempting to create splits within the military. He did not provide details.

"They want to divide the armed forces," he told supporters. "Everyone, be alert."

During an interview with the Caracas-based television network Telesur on Wednesday, Molero expressed confidence in the military's unity, saying "it's more solid than ever." □



Opposition presidential candidate Henrique Capriles, riding on the back of the motorcycle, greets supporters after a meeting with former supporters of late President Hugo Chavez in Caracas, Venezuela, Wednesday, April 3, 2013. Venezuela will hold a presidential election to replace late President Hugo Chavez on April 14.

(AP Photo/Fernando Llano)

he visited Chavez's hometown of Sabaneta in southern Venezuela, was intended for a national audience of Chavistas that reveres the late leader. It also fell in line with an electoral strategy in which Maduro repeatedly emphasizes his close ties to Chavez, who tapped him as his chosen successor. But it prompted ridicule among many of his opponents.

Many newspapers led their campaign stories Wednesday with Maduro's bird remarks. The satirical website "El Chiguire Bipolar" said the statement was so strange that its own jokes

to defend himself.

"Now the bourgeoisie and the right are talking about Maduro's little bird. What do they think? That we're ridiculous? Show some respect, gentlemen," he said at a Tuesday rally in the western state of Zulia.

Maduro also defended what he called revolutionary unity with the armed forces at a rally Wednesday in the western state of Tachira, even as the opposition was filing its complaint.

"Civic-military unity is one of the greatest works that our supreme commander, Hugo Chavez, built," Mad-

Irish teen is charged with threatening Guyana PM

BERT WILKINSON
Associated Press
GEORGETOWN, Guyana (AP) — An Irish teenager

has been charged with threatening to shoot and kill the president of Guyana during what his lawyer says was an alcohol-fueled conversation with two bodyguards of the South American country's leader. Cillian James Crossan, a 17-year-old volunteer with an aid group, was joking when he said he would shoot and kill President Donald Ramotar and said it because he didn't believe the two men were really bodyguards, defense lawyer Glenn Hanoman said Wednesday.

"He had been drinking beer since early the morning and had even mixed rum and beer and had them at the same time," Hanoman said.

"I think that was the main factor at play when he argued with two of the guards."

The incident occurred Sunday at a rodeo in the rugged and remote Rupununi region along the country's border with Brazil.

The president was not there at the time. Crossan pleaded not guilty to the charge before a local magistrate and released on the equivalent of about \$300 bail over the objections of prosecutor Vishnu Hunte. "The threat was directed to none other than the president of Guyana, his Excellency Donald Ramotar, by a foreign national," Hunte said.

"There is therefore a likelihood that he may flee the jurisdiction since he is not a resident of Guyana."

The offense is a misdemeanor and Crossan, who is in Guyana for one year as a volunteer with the British group Project Trust, faces a maximum sentence of a fine of no more than \$1,000. □

US official:

Caribbean to become bigger drug route

DANICA COTO
Associated Press
SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — The Caribbean will likely

see a surge in drug-trafficking activity by 2015 as operations move slowly out of

squeezed out of Mexico, Central America and South America will target the Caribbean because it's spacious and allows them to remain undercover and take advantage of weak law enforcement in certain

still around."

Brownfield spoke to The Associated Press during a visit to Puerto Rico, where he met with local and federal authorities to talk in part about the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative program,

money will be spent, Brownfield said he supports using the funds to build regional programs and centers that would benefit all Caribbean nations.

He envisions building a police training center, a maritime training center possibly based in Puerto Rico and an aviation center featuring four to six helicopters that could station themselves across the Caribbean, targeting popular drug-trafficking routes.

"We're dealing with 14 different countries spread across a large area," he said. "Drug traffickers are looking for very vulnerable holes."

According to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the Caribbean made up about 5 percent of the cocaine reaching the United States in 2010. In the past year, that has increased to 8 percent and is estimated to jump to 10 percent this year. Officials estimate that 6 percent alone is shipped through the Dominican Republic.

While cocaine use has dropped in the U.S., it has skyrocketed in Brazil, Argentina and Western Europe.

The new demand means traffickers are shipping drugs across the Atlantic Ocean into West Africa and then north into Europe, Brownfield said. □



Mexican soldiers patrol the streets of Reynosa, on Mexico's northeastern border with the United States. The Caribbean will likely see a surge in drug-trafficking activity by 2015 as operations move slowly out of Central America due to an international crackdown, a top U.S. State Department official said Wednesday.

(AP Photo/Alexandre Meneghini)

Central America due to an international crackdown, a top U.S. State Department official said Wednesday.

William Brownfield, assistant secretary of state for international narcotics and law enforcement, said he believes drug traffickers

countries.

"What are they going to do, all close down and run beach cabanas in Mexico and Colombia? I don't think so," he said. "Logic suggests they will move to the old routes of the 70s and 80s. Those people are

which aims to boost regional security with help from U.S. funds.

Congress has allocated \$40 million for the program in the upcoming fiscal year. While a group of U.S. agencies and Caribbean governments decide how the

7 Cuban dancers defect from National Ballet

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Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — Seven young members of the National Ballet of Cuba defected last month while on a performing tour in Mexico, an island dance official said Wednesday.

A ballet company official, who lacked authorization to discuss the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity, confirmed the defections but did not offer details, saying only that "there were seven who did not return."

The defections were received with sadness in Cuban ballet circles.

"It pains us," said Ramona de Saa, director of Havana's National Ballet School, where six of the dancers were trained before joining the company. Saa added that she considered one of the ballerinas, whom she did not name, to be like a daughter.

Cuban exile blog "Cafe Fuerte" reported that six of the seven subsequently traveled to Miami: Randy Crespo, 22; Edward Gonzalez, 23; Jose Justiz, 20; Ariadna Martin, 20; Luis Victor Santana, 23; and Annie Ruiz Diaz, 24. It said 20-year-old Alejandro Mendez was still in Mexico.

"It is the most difficult decision I have made in my life, but we're not thinking about the past but rather the future," the website quoted Ruiz Diaz as saying. "We were intent on seeking a better artistic life and economic well-being for our families." The National Ballet is a pride of Cuban officials and has churned out many world-class dancers. However it has seen a number of high-profile defections over the years as performers are lured overseas by the promise of greater creative and economic opportunity. In March 2011, five members of the com-

pany stayed behind after a performance in Canada. For Cuban officials, defections by the likes of dancers, athletes and doctors are bitter betrayals. Communist authorities lament what they call theft of talent that they train free of charge, but at great cost to the government.

De Saa said defecting dancers often underestimate their chances of succeeding abroad and ultimately don't find a company to take them on.

"We are privileged," she said. "In the world, the situation of ballet is very difficult." □



Dutch Caribbean Golf Association starts with Junior Mini Tour



- On the 24rd of March 2013 the Dutch Caribbean Golf Association started with the Junior Mini Tour at Tierra Del Sol.

JUNIOR MINI TOUR

The Dutch Caribbean Golf Association Junior Mini Tour is the first of a number of Junior Golf events that will take place on Aruba, Curacao and ST Maarten in March, April and May 2013. The Junior Mini Tour Pro-

gram is part of the Committed to Youth Program and is developed for all ages and therefore offers junior golfers, both boys and girls the opportunity to play competitions on Aruba, Curacao and ST Maarten. The Junior Mini Tour has 3 age categories 0-12, 13-14, and 15-17 and 3 formats that are aimed to enable the junior participants to complete with each other on their level in Interna-

tional tournament formats (Sramble, Stableford, Strokeplay).

During the weekend there were two junior tournaments in the Dutch Caribbean region one at Old Quarry Golf Resort in Curacao and one at Tierra Del Sol Golf & Country Club in Aruba, with in Curacao 25 and in Aruba 11 junior participants.

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Aruba Juniors hosts Amateur Kickboxing Event!



ORANJESTAD - After so many obstacles the Amateur Kickboxing Event did go ahead. It started with a boxing match featuring Jozef Wever VS Natronn Loefstok, follow by Full Contact karate with Desiree

Croes VS Shamila Tromp. Both athletes were very strong and they battled until the last. Many kickboxing fans were waiting for this match.

KickBoxing:



Dionicio Geerman VS Rusean Hoek was the first match. Both were aggressive and strong, but as we know there is only one winner. In the match with Stanley Van VS Shawn Koolman, Shawn was more superior, and the fight had to be stopped. Igmarr Luidens VS Guillermo Kelkboom was a very good fight, and in the match with Diolmen Fyl VS Johan Ubi-

jaan, both fighters did go until the last. In the fight with Jonathan Harigan VS Tristan Vermeulen, both competitors were strong and aggressive. And the final fight that everyone was waiting for was Jose Reyes VS Mitchell Paul Kelly, where both fighters were strong and technical. But as we know there is only one winner.

Winners:

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Emily Graham

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The Junior Mini Tour will be played on a different Golf course in the Dutch Caribbean each month enabling the junior players to learn to play the different courses, and get more acquainted with their golfing friends in the Dutch Caribbean.

The winners of the Junior Mini Tour at Tierra Del Sol where Lucas and Liam Croes (0-12) VJ Luidens, (13-14) Liam van Ramshorst (15-17)

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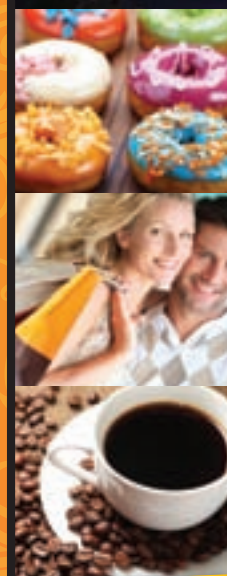
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Caroline Wozniacki, of Denmark, returns to Silvia Soler-Espinosa, of Spain, at the Family Circle Cup tennis tournament in Charleston, S.C., Wednesday, April 3, 2013.

Associated Press

Wozniacki opens with win at Family Circle

PETE IACOBELLI
AP Sports Writer
CHARLESTON, South Carolina (AP) — Second-seeded Caroline Wozniacki opened with a strong showing at the Family Circle on Wednesday, crushing Silvia Soler-Espinosa 6-1, 6-1 for her sixth straight victory here.

Wozniacki only entered the tournament Saturday when a scheduled trip to Haiti with boyfriend Rory McIlroy was postponed. The 2011 Family Circle champion showed little rust from her last-minute decision to play. She broke Soler-Espinosa twice to win the final five games of the opening set.

Wozniacki continued to use her big serves — she took a 3-1 lead in the second set with a 111 mph ace — to keep Soler-Espinosa on the defensive and wrapped up the match in 59 minutes.

"I felt like I really served well and returned well today," she said.

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Darvish loses perfect game to final batter

Texas Rangers starting pitcher Yu Darvish heads to the dugout at the end of the eighth inning of a baseball game against the Houston Astros on Tuesday, April 2, 2013, in Houston. Darvish pitched eight and two-thirds perfect innings before giving up a hit to Astros' Marwin Gonzalez in the Rangers' 7-0 win.
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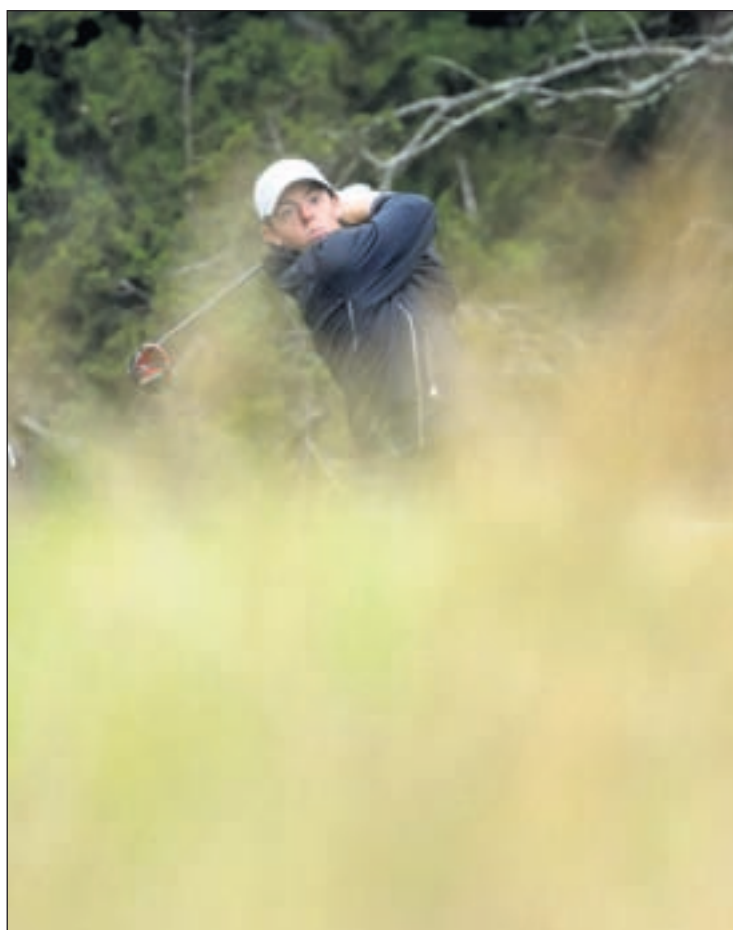
McIlroy uses Texas Open to get 'sharp' for Augusta

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Rory McIlroy's last-minute, last-ditch effort to right his game in time for the Masters next week has taken a trip to a usually out-of-the-way spot on the PGA Tour. McIlroy and three other highly-ranked players in the Official World Golf Rankings start play in the Valero Texas Open on Thursday at TPC San Antonio.

"It obviously was a last-minute decision to come and play here in San Antonio," McIlroy said after his pro-am round Wednesday was washed out by rainstorms on his 13th hole. "But from what I see I like it. It should be a good week, a week where I can try to get my game sharp going to Augusta."

Big-name players don't often seek the Greg Norman-designed Oaks Course at TPC to sharpen their games.

Last year only two members of golf's top 50 (no one in the top 15) played on a course that ended with the highest overall scoring average on tour except the PGA Championship at Kiawah Island's Ocean Course. In addition to McIlroy, top-15 ranked players Matt Kuchar (ninth), Ian Poulter (12th) and Charl



Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, watches his tee shot on the 13th hole during the pro-am at the Texas Open golf tournament, Wednesday, April 3, 2013, in San Antonio. Play was stopped due to severe weather.

Associated Press

Schwartzel (15th) are teeing it up. Ben Curtis, 2003 British Open winner, is defending champ.

Yet McIlroy's play since he won the PGA Championship by a record eight-shot margin in August

has dropped him a spot, from No. 1 to 2, while Tiger Woods went back to the top after three wins.

McIlroy started the year swinging the same brand of clubs as Woods, but not the same game. He missed

a cut at Abu Dhabi, walked off the course as defending champ at Honda and got beat in opening-round play at the World Match Play in Arizona.

"I don't care if I miss 10 cuts in a row -- if I win a major," McIlroy said. "I don't care. I mean, that's what it's all about, winning the big tournaments."

McIlroy comes to San Antonio for the first time, and he's off his second made cut of the year, a 45th-place finish at the Shell Houston Open. Though notables like Woods and Phil Mickelson aren't attracted to the TPC course as Masters preparation, other players who have come here share McIlroy's view of getting in one more competitive event and dismiss his recent skid.

"All Rory has to worry about is peaking the right weeks," said Padraig Harrington, also in the Texas field. "His game is plenty good enough that when he does peak, he can lap fields."

In addition to the hard-scrabble layout Norman crafted in the beginnings of the Texas Hill Country, the weather plays havoc on the event. Last year, Matt Every shot an opening-round 63, a course record,

in rather benign conditions. The next day he teed it up with a wind that suddenly howled at 30 mph in places and he shot 74.

Winds could reach 25 mph during Thursday's opening round.

McIlroy got in a full practice round on Tuesday before getting washed out on the back nine Wednesday. Though Mickelson was critical of the tour last week for stopping at the TPC course the week before The Masters, Poulter recently decided it was a good move for him to play.

"Phil's mentioned that it's the wrong thing for him to do, to come to a course like this to play golf, but I disagree," Poulter said. "I'm happy to stand on that tee next Thursday (at Augusta National), and I've got to hit it 10 yards left of that bunker, I'm fine with that. I can pick up on that pretty quick."

The TPC course had four greens altered and two fairways widened before this year's event. Yet some places remain unchanged, like the tree-choked right side of the par-4 9th where Kevin Na drove his tee shot two years ago and finally emerged with a score of 16. He's not here this year. □

Baseball still lacks MLB guarantee for Olympic bid

ANDREW DAMPF
AP Sports Writer

ROME (AP) — Baseball and softball's joint bid for Olympic reinstatement is still lacking a guarantee that major league stars would be freed up to play ahead of a key presentation to the IOC scheduled for next month.

International Baseball Federation President Riccardo Fraccari is still holding out hope that Major League Baseball will commit its players for at least the semifinals and finals of the proposed Olympic tournament, but he told The Associated Press on Wednesday

that "we have to be realistic."

Baseball and softball have been out of the Olympics since 2008 and merged in a bid to return for the 2020 Games. They are competing against seven other sports for a single spot on the program.

On May 29 in St. Petersburg, Russia, the International Olympic Committee board will select one or more sports to submit for final consideration to the IOC general assembly in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in September.

"We need the utmost support from MLB to get past May," Fraccari said. "We're

still negotiating.

"If we make it past this step there are a lot more cards to play," he added.

"There are a lot of IOC members from Latin America who support baseball. The executive committee is one thing, the congress is another."

The Olympic tournaments would feature eight teams divided into two groups, with the top two finishers in each group advancing to the semifinals.

Another option Fraccari has floated is suspending the MLB All-Star Game every four years and having a break later in the season for the Olympics instead. But



Seattle Mariners' Michael Morse (38) celebrates after hitting a home run off Oakland Athletics' Grant Balfour in the ninth inning of a baseball game Tuesday, April 2, 2013, in Oakland, Calif.

Associated Press

MLB does not appear open to that proposal.

The IOC voted in 2005 to remove baseball and softball from the Olympic pro-

gram after the 2008 Beijing Games. As separate bids, the two sports both failed to return for the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Games. □

Yu Darvish misses perfect game with 2 outs in 9th

The Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — Yu Darvish was one out from a perfect game when Marwin Gonzalez grounded a clean single through the pitcher's legs, and the Texas Rangers beat the Houston Astros 7-0 on Tuesday night.

AL Capsules The celebrated right-hander from Japan struck out a career-high 14 and was in complete control before Gonzalez smacked the first pitch up the middle. Darvish was unable to get his glove down in time and the ball skittered into center field well beyond a desperate dive by shortstop Elvis Andrus.

Darvish (1-0) smiled and extended his arms — almost like, "Oh well, it happens." Several disappointed fans put their hands on their heads, and Darvish was lifted after 111 pitches.

Darvish's 14 strikeouts matched a Minute Maid Park record and were the most by a Rangers pitcher since Hall of Famer and current team CEO Nolan Ryan had 14 in July 1991 against the Angels.

Darvish has never thrown a complete game in the majors.

Lucas Harrell (0-1) yielded six hits and one run in six

innings. Lance Berkman had three hits and two RBIs against his former team. Ian Kinsler hit a two-run homer off Rhiner Cruz to make it 3-0 in the seventh.

ORIOLES 7, RAYS 4

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP) — Adam Jones keyed a seventh-inning rally with a go-ahead, two-run double and Chris Davis followed with a three-run homer to help Baltimore open the season with a victory over Tampa Bay.

Matt Wieters homered early off AL Cy Young Award winner David Price. Wieters later drew an intentional walk from reliever Jake McGee (0-1) before Davis' towering shot over the right-field wall broke open the game and silenced a sellout crowd of 34,078 at Tropicana Field.

Jason Hammel (1-0) allowed three runs and three hits in six innings. Jim Johnson pitched a scoreless ninth for the save.

Ben Zobrist hit a solo homer for the Rays and put them ahead with a sacrifice fly in the sixth.

INDIANS 4, BLUE JAYS 1

TORONTO (AP) — R.A. Dickey and the overhauled Blue Jays lost their season opener to Cleveland.

Asdrubal Cabrera hit a



Texas Rangers' Yu Darvish delivers a pitch against the Houston Astros in the fifth inning of a baseball game Tuesday, April 2, 2013, in Houston.

Associated Press

two-run homer off the NL Cy Young Award winner, Justin Masterson pitched six solid innings and the Indians ended their streak of opening day losses at four. Excited by the winter acquisitions of Dickey, Jose Reyes and other All-Stars, fans in Toronto were eager to see the revamped roster in action.

Instead, a disappointed sellout crowd of 48,857 watched Masterson and three relievers combine on a four-hitter. Masterson re-

tired his last 11 batters and Chris Perez earned a save. Dickey (0-1) allowed four runs, three earned, and five hits in six innings. The knuckleballer walked four and struck out four. His catcher, J.P. Arencibia, was charged with three passed balls in the first two innings.

MARINERS 7, ATHLETICS 1
OAKLAND, California (AP) — Michael Morse hit a three-run homer and a solo shot, and Hisashi Iwakuma followed up Felix Hernan-

dez's gem with an impressive outing of his own in Seattle's victory over Oakland.

Iwakuma (1-0) struck out seven and didn't walk a batter as the Mariners won their second consecutive game against Oakland to begin the season. He gave up a leadoff homer by Yoenis Cespedes to the deepest part of center field in the second inning, then quickly regrouped and retired 15 of his final 16 hitters. □

Ryu makes MLB debut for Dodgers in loss

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — LOS ANGELES (AP) — Madison Bumgarner allowed two hits over eight innings, giving the San Francisco Giants a 3-0 win against the Dodgers while overshadowing the major league debut of high-priced Los Angeles pitcher Hyun-Jin Ryu on Tuesday night.

NL Capsules Bumgarner (1-0) struck out six and walked none in the second straight gem at Dodger Stadium. The only hits were a pair of doubles by Andre Ethier and A.J. Ellis. Left-hander Clayton Kershaw homered and pitched a four-hit shut-

out in the Dodgers' 4-0 victory on opening day Monday.

Sergio Romo worked a perfect ninth to earn his first save of the season.

Ryu's debut helped draw 45,431 fans to see the left-hander who signed a \$36 million, six-year deal with the team in December, making him the first player to go directly from the Korea Baseball Organization to the U.S. major leagues.

Ryu (0-1) gave up three runs — one earned — and 10 hits in 6 1-3 innings. He struck out five, walked none and threw 80 pitches against the defending

World Series champions.

CARDINALS 6, DIAMONDBACKS 1

PHOENIX (AP) — Matt Holliday, Pete Kozma and Jon Jay homered as St. Louis beat Arizona to even their season-opening series at a game apiece.

Jaime Garcia (1-0) gave up two hits, one of them a homer by Miguel Montero, in 5 2-3 innings for the Cardinals. Holliday's two-run shot off Trevor Cahill broke a 1-all tie in the sixth.

Kozma added a leadoff homer and Jay a two-run drive off the right-field foul pole, both off reliever Heath Bell in the seventh.



Los Angeles Dodgers' Hyun-Jin Ryu, of South Korea, tosses his bat after hitting a ground-out during the third inning of a baseball game against the San Francisco Giants in Los Angeles, Tuesday, April 2, 2013.

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Kozma's homer came on Bell's first pitch with the Diamondbacks. Matt Carpenter doubled twice for St.

Louis. Cahill (0-1) allowed three runs and five hits in 5 2-3 innings. He struck out seven. □

Penguins' 15-game winning streak snapped by Sabres

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Penguins' run at a record-breaking streak is over. Playing without injured star Sidney Crosby, the Penguins fell to the Buffalo Sabres 4-1 to end their 15-game winning streak Tuesday night.

Pittsburgh was attempting to draw within one of the NHL record of 17 consecutive wins set by the 1992-93 Penguins, but looked out of sync and lost for the first time since falling to Carolina 4-1 on Feb. 28.

Kevin Porter scored his first two goals of the season for the Sabres, who won for the first time in five games. Steve Ott and Cody Hodgson also scored as Buffalo sent Pittsburgh to its first loss in more than a month. Ryan Miller made 19 saves on the night he surpassed Dominik Hasek for the most games played by a Sabres goaltender. Jarome Iginla scored his first goal with the Penguins after coming over in a trade with Calgary last week but it wasn't nearly enough. Buffalo took a three-goal lead less than 25 minutes into the game to chase Tomas Vokoun, who stopped nine of the 13 shots he faced before being removed early in the second period.

BRUINS 3, SENATORS 2 BOSTON (AP) — Nathan



Pittsburgh Penguins right wing Jarome Iginla (12) shoots the puck under the pad of Buffalo Sabres goalie Ryan Miller (30) and behind Buffalo Sabres defenseman Tyler Myers (57) after taking a pass from Pittsburgh Penguins left wing Chris Kunitz (14) in the first period of an NHL hockey game in Pittsburgh Tuesday, April 2, 2013. It was Iginla's first goal as a Penguin. The Sabres won 3-1.

Associated Press

Horton broke a tie midway through the third period with his fourth goal in four games and Boston beat Ottawa with an aggressive attack that produced a season-high 50 shots.

While awaiting the arrival of newly acquired five-time NHL scoring leader Jaromir Jagr from the Dallas Stars, the Bruins shook off their recent offensive woes with their second straight win after losing five of their previous seven games.

Horton got his 12th goal of

the season at 10:21 of the third period after goalie Robin Lehner stopped Milan Lucic's shot with his pad. But Horton scored on the rebound. The Bruins held a 50-47 advantage in shots on goal. Their previous high of 46 came on Feb. 28, also against the Senators, in a 2-1 overtime win in Boston. The pace slowed for a while in the third period after Andre Benoit tied the score 2-2 with 1:55 gone following an officials' review. Play

had continued after Benoit's hard, high shot. At the next whistle, officials ruled that the puck had gone in just under the crossbar then come out, resulting in Benoit's third goal of the season.

Colin Greening had given Ottawa a 1-0 lead 2:48 into the game before goals by David Krejci and Tyler Seguin 1:01 apart put Boston ahead 2-1 at 4:29 of the first period.

ISLANDERS 5, JETS 2 UNIONDALE, New York (AP)

— Frans Nielsen scored the go-ahead goal and Kevin Poulin made 23 saves for his first win of the season and New York defeated Winnipeg. With the victory, the Islanders moved past the idle New York Rangers into the eighth and final Eastern Conference playoff spot. The Islanders have 11 games remaining while the Rangers have 13.

Nielsen's power-play goal at 19:32 of the second period came when a rebound of a Mark Streit slap shot ricocheted to him in the right circle. Nielsen fired the puck past Ondrej Pavelec for this fourth of the season.

Matt Moulson added his 12th of the season at the 18:00 mark of the third. And John Tavares scored his team-leading 23rd of the season into an empty net

with 36 seconds left.

Jets rookie defenseman Paul Postma scored twice for Winnipeg.

CAPITALS 5, HURRICANES 3 RALEIGH, North Carolina (AP)

— Alex Ovechkin had two goals and an assist, and Washington beat Carolina despite allowing three goals to Jiri Tlustý.

Mike Green scored two goals, Joel Ward added a goal, Nicklas Backstrom matched a career high with four assists and Braden Holtby made 31 saves.

Washington trailed 2-0 early before scoring five goals on its first 11 shots, won its seventh in 11 games and won for the first time since 2007 when allowing a hat trick to an opposing player, according to STATS LLC.

It also was the Hurricanes' first loss when a player scored three goals since the move from Hartford in 1997.

Eric Staal and Alexander Semin each had two assists for the Hurricanes, who lost defenseman Joni Pitkanen to an apparent leg injury late in the second period. Carolina's Dan Ellis stopped four of the seven shots he faced.

PREDATORS 3, AVALANCHE 1

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)

— David Legwand scored with 1:14 left, and Nashville edged Colorado to avoid being swept by the Avalanche.

Patric Hornqvist scored a power-play goal that tied it up at 1 at 8:23 of the third, and Taylor Beck had two assists. Paul Gaustad had an empty-netter for his third this season with 14.7 seconds remaining.

Matt Duchene scored on a breakaway 61 seconds into the third for Colorado, which missed a chance to sweep the Predators for the first time in franchise history. Goalie Jean-Sebastien Giguere made 35 saves for the Avs.

PANTHERS 3, LIGHTNING 2, SO

TAMPA, Florida (AP) — Peter Mueller scored the only goal in the shootout and Jacob Markstrom had 39 saves to lead Florida past Tampa Bay. □

Rangers send slumping star Gaborik to Blue Jackets

IRA PODELL

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Rangers have traded slumping Slovakian forward Marian Gaborik to the Columbus Blue Jackets in the second trade of star players between the teams within the past year. Gaborik was dealt to the Blue Jackets Wednesday, just before the NHL's afternoon trade deadline, for center Derick Brassard, right wing Derek Dorsett and defenseman John Moore.

Gaborik waived a no-movement clause in order to allow the deal to be completed.

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In this Feb. 2, 2013, photo, New York Rangers' Marian Gaborik shoots against the Tampa Bay Lightning during an NHL hockey game in Tampa, Fla.

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NBA Roundup

Anthony scores 50 as Knicks beat Heat 102-90

The Associated Press
MIAMI (AP) — Carmelo Anthony equaled his career high with 50 points and the New York Knicks won their ninth straight game, topping the injury-depleted Miami Heat 102-90 on Wednesday night.

Anthony finished 18 of 26 from the field, reaching 50 on a jumper with 16.9 seconds remaining. J.R. Smith scored 14 and Raymond Felton added 10 for New York.

Chris Bosh scored 23 points for Miami, which played without LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Mario Chalmers, all held out with injuries not believed to be serious. Mike Miller scored 18, Ray Allen finished with 16 and Norris Cole had 14 for the Heat, whose 17-game home winning streak was snapped.

The Knicks beat the Heat in three of their four regular-season matchups. They likely would not meet

again before the Eastern Conference finals.

Miami's magic number for clinching home-court throughout the NBA playoffs remained at five, and the Heat already have the No. 1 spot in the Eastern Conference wrapped up. The Knicks now lead Brooklyn by five games in the race for the Atlantic Division title.

LAKERS 101, MAVERICKS 81
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kobe Bryant had 23 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists in his 19th career triple-double, and Los Angeles beat Dallas in a key game for two teams struggling to get into the Western Conference playoff picture.

Dwight Howard had 24 points and 12 rebounds while hitting seven fourth-quarter free throws for the Lakers (39-36), who had lost four of six. With former coach Phil Jackson in attendance for Shaquille

O'Neal's jersey retirement, the Lakers moved back into an eighth-place tie in the West with the Utah Jazz (39-36), who hold the tiebreaker edge on the Lakers.

Chris Kaman had 14 points for Dallas (36-38), which has a game in hand on the Lakers and Jazz.

WIZARDS 90, BULLS 86
WASHINGTON (AP) — John Wall had 27 points, nine assists and eight rebounds, Emeka Okafor scored the go-ahead dunk in the final minute and Washington beat Chicago for its eighth straight home win.

Wall was 8 for 17 from the field and 11 for 13 at the free throw line as the Wizards maintained pursuit of their goal of becoming the best team not to make the playoffs. They want to pass the Philadelphia 76ers and finish ninth in the Eastern Conference — not bad for a team that started 4-28 — and the win left



New York Knicks forward Carmelo Anthony (7) takes a shot against Miami Heat forward Shane Battier during the second half of an NBA basketball game, Tuesday, April 2, 2013 in Miami. Anthony tied his career high with 50 points in the Knicks' 102-90 win.

Associated Press

them 2½ games back with eight to play.

Carlos Boozer had 19 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Bulls, who fell two

games behind the fourth-place Brooklyn Nets in the Eastern Conference. Chicago visits Brooklyn on Thursday.



Venus Williams returns to Monica Puig, of Puerto Rico, at the Family Circle Cup tennis tournament in Charleston, S.C., Wednesday, April 3, 2013.

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"I'm pleased with that." The Dane had reached the finals of the Indian Wells tournament, but was knocked out of her last event, Sony Open in Key Biscayne, in the round of 32. She acknowledged it's

generally hard to transition smoothly from the faster hardcourt surfaces to the clay at the Family Circle's Billie Jean King Court.

Venus Williams, who won this tournament in 2004, opened with a 6-2, 5-7, 6-3 victory over 19-year-old Monica Puig of Puerto Rico. Past champion Samantha Stosur was set to

play in separate matches later. World No. 1 Serena Williams won her opening match here Tuesday.

In other early matches, 2009 Family Circle champion Sabine Lisicki fell to American qualifier Mallory Burdette in three sets and No. 10 Julia Goerges ousted Olga Govortsova in straight sets.

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London:

DIY approach to mental health help gains support

MARIA CHENG
AP Medical Writer

LONDON (AP) — After crocheting a colorful blanket, Joan Ferguson snuggled up under it one night and proudly thought: "This is one groovy blanket. I'm brilliant."

Ferguson, 53, who struggles with low self-esteem, said it was the first time she had ever praised herself. She attributed the breakthrough in part to free self-help classes on mental health run by Britain's government-funded medical system.

With a long wait to see a psychologist, the British government is turning to the classroom to treat people with mild-to-moderate mental health problems with a mix of PowerPoint presentations and group exercises.

Ferguson's class of about 10 people, which meets once a week in east London, is led by two "psychological wellbeing practitioners." The instructors are trained for a year on how to help people change their behavior or thinking but they aren't fully fledged psychologists.

While some dismiss the approach as do-it-yourself therapy, experts say there is convincing evidence

that people with conditions like depression and anxiety can be successfully treated without ever seeing a psychologist or a psychiatrist.

The strategy was adopted after Britain's independent health watchdog ruled that classes and self-help books are cost-effective. Treating people with mental health problems this way could get them back to work quicker and save the U.K. an estimated 700 million pounds in lost tax revenue over four years, a previous study found.

The government is aiming to use the classes to treat at least 15 percent of the more than 6 million who need treatment for anxiety or depression. In 2011, only about 5 percent got some kind of therapy; about half were treated in classes or settings such as telephone sessions or computer therapy.

Those with more serious problems, like schizophrenia or post-traumatic stress disorder, are usually offered traditional psychotherapy.

The self-help classes have a recovery rate of about 46 percent, slightly lower than the 50 to 60 percent recovery rates for those who get personal psychological counseling, according to statistics from the depart-

ment of health.

The British Psychological Society, a professional group, helped design the training

received by the class instructors. The society's David Murphy, however, said the classes might not be a

fit for everyone.

"Some people are wary about going to a class instead of seeing a psychologist," said Murphy, who isn't involved with the program.

The classes often require more effort by the individual than working with a psychologist, he said.

"For the (self-help) classes to be effective, the onus is on the patient to change what they're doing in between sessions," Murphy said.

Some American experts weren't sure the approach would work in the United States.

"The expectations of treatment are very different in the U.S.," said Michael Otto, a professor of psychology at Boston University who has studied self-help approaches. "People think, 'if I'm going to be paying for care, I want to get the treatment I want and that's often personal therapy.'"

Otto said the downside to such self-help programs is that people who don't get better might just give up.

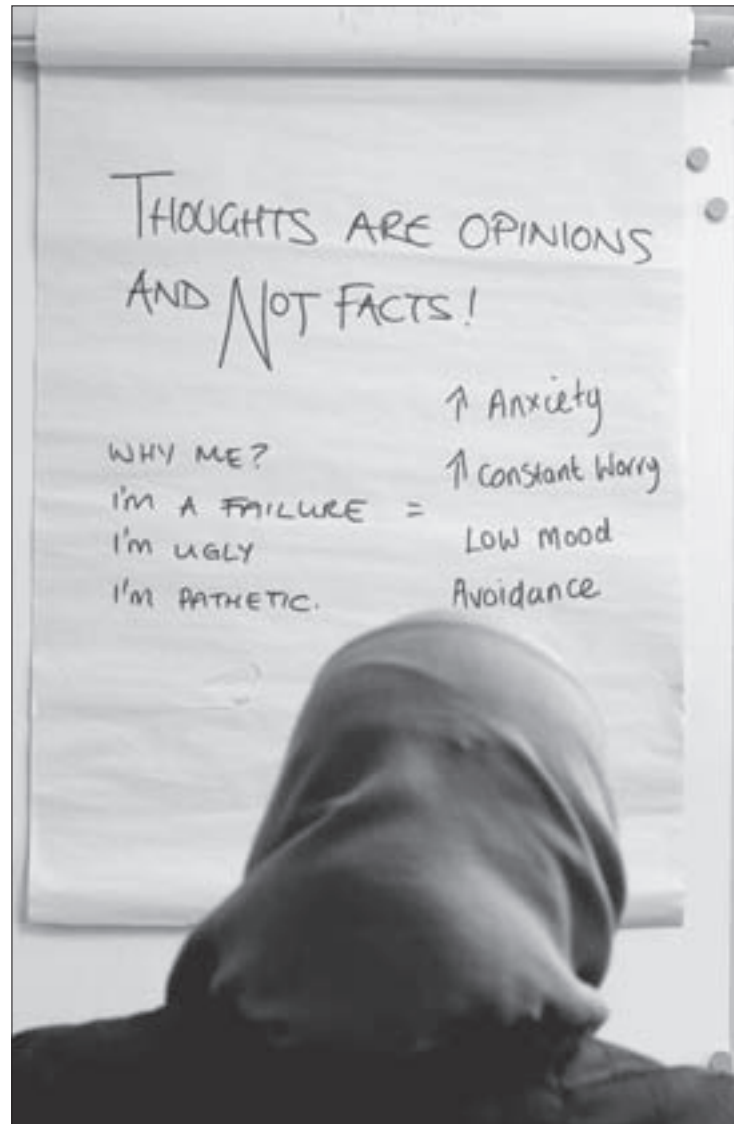
Instructor Nabila El-Zanaty said the classes aren't meant to be like group therapy.

"It's more like psychological education," she said, after leading a session that taught participants how to spot negative thoughts about themselves.

She said patients must be monitored closely in case they need more intensive help. At the start of every class, they fill in a survey about their recent behavior, including whether they have hurt themselves or had suicidal thoughts.

El-Zanaty said she's been surprised by how much the participants are willing to share in class. She said one woman who cried during every session and talked about suicide attempts was referred to personalized therapy.

Most courses run about eight to 12 weeks. El-Zanaty said they check in with participants a month after the classes end. □



A self-help psychological course class run by Britain's publicly funded health system in east London is seen in session.

New global strategy aims to eradicate polio by 2018

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AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new global plan aims to end most cases of polio by late next year, and essentially eradicate the paralyzing disease by 2018 — if authorities can raise the \$5.5 billion needed to do the work, health officials said this week.

Part of the challenge will be increasing security for vaccine workers who have come under attack in two of the hardest-hit countries. And the plan calls for changing how much of the world protects against polio, phasing out the long-used oral vaccine in favor of a pricier but safer shot

version.

Intense vaccination campaigns have dropped cases to a historic low, a good opportunity for what is being called the "endgame" strategy for this paralyzing disease, noted Dr. Rebecca Martin of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"We have a chance now, with the fewest cases in the fewest places," she said, joining officials from the World Health Organization, Gates Foundation and Rotary International to discuss the strategy that will be finalized later this month.

Officials acknowledged that financing the six-year plan upfront will be difficult

given tight government budgets. The money would cover vaccinations as well as the monitoring required to be sure polio really is gone. Last year, authorities counted 223 cases of polio worldwide, down from 650 the year before. Once a worldwide scourge, vaccinations began in the 1950s, and were successful enough in developed countries that a global fight for eradication began in 1988. Now polio remains endemic in parts of just three countries — Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria — where all but six of last year's cases occurred. Other countries remain at risk, as travelers can spread

the infectious disease to the unvaccinated.

Recent killings of vaccine workers in Pakistan and Nigeria have made the anti-polio campaign more difficult, but it has not stopped and it will not, said WHO polio director Dr. Hamid Jafari. Despite the attacks, those countries made progress against polio last year, he said. The new strategy says countries also must deal with a smaller but real risk: polio cases caused by the vaccine itself. The highly effective oral polio vaccine contains live, weakened virus that can occasionally regain strength and cause the very disease it was intended to prevent. □

Music service Rdio launches Vdio for TV, movies

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rdio, the music streaming service started by a co-founder of Skype, is getting into video. New and current subscribers of a \$10-a-month unlimited music plan from Rdio (AR-dee-oh) will get \$25 to spend in the new digital store for video, called Vdio (VEE-dee-oh).

The content will work on personal computers and Apple's iPad for now. It's opening at first to users in the U.S. and Britain. The latest TV episodes from shows such as "The Walking Dead" will sell for about \$3 each and will be in high definition, while movies such as "Zero Dark Thirty" will cost from \$3 to rent to \$20 to buy.

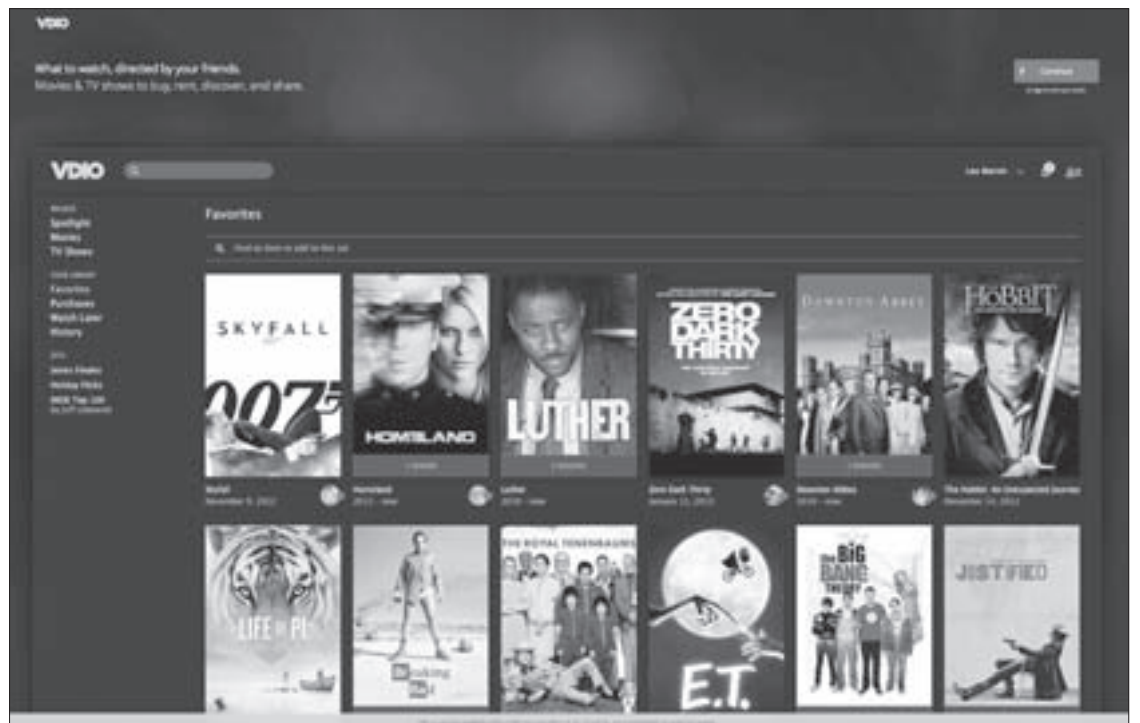
Rdio Chief Executive Drew

Larner said the plan is for users to get ideas about what to watch based on the music they and their friends love, and the other way around.

For instance, fans of Adele's hit single "Skyfall" might want to watch the James Bond movie of the same name, or viewers of the 1978 documentary "The Last Waltz" might want to listen to music by The Band, the subject of that movie.

"There's just so much interplay between film, TV and music. We just think this is going to be a natural combination," he said.

The company opted against a subscription video offering because the newest TV shows and movies would not be available that way, Larner said. Stu-



This screen shot, made available on the blog for Rdio, the music streaming service started by a co-founder of Skype, shows the company's new digital store for video, called Vdio.

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dios typically offer online subscription services such

as Netflix Inc. only past seasons of TV shows, along with movies that have debuted in theaters months or years earlier. Larner said the company hopes to one day offer a plan that would give customers a selection of movies, TV shows and music for one price. He didn't specify how many subscribers San

Francisco-based Rdio has amassed since it launched in 2010 with the backing of Skype co-founder Janus Friis.

But he said the rate at which new users come to the service, offered in 23 countries, has tripled since the company began spending money on advertising late last year. □

Analyst: 60-inch Apple iTV to launch this year

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AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — It's no secret that Apple wants to get into the living room by making its own TV set, and there have been plenty of rumors and reports about how and when it's going to happen.

Now, an analyst says he's learned that the set will go on sale late this year, for \$1,500 to \$2,500.

In a research note Wednesday, Brian White of Topeka Capital Markets says the "iTV" will be 60 inches (1.5 meters) on the diagonal, but could also come in 50- and 55-inch versions. Apple will also release a small "iRing" that fits on the viewer's finger, allowing the user to control the screen by pointing, White says.

In addition, the set will come with tablet-like "mini iTVs" with 9.7-inch (24.6-centimeter) screens, the same as the full-size iPad, White said.

The "iTV" will be able to send video to the smaller screens wirelessly around the house. The concept is similar to the way in which cable and satellite TV



In this April 2, 2013, file photo, a man smokes near the logo of Apple in Shanghai, China. It's no secret that Apple wants to get into the living room by making its own TV set, and there have been plenty of rumors and reports about how and when it's going to happen.

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companies are starting to let their set-top boxes send video to iPads and other tablets.

White says his report is based on gleanings from visits with unnamed Chinese and Taiwanese companies that supply Apple with components.

Apple doesn't comment on future products before its launch events, but late company co-founder Steve Jobs told biographer Walter Isaacson that he wanted to remake the TV and had figured out

a way to do it. Last year, there were numerous analyst reports that said Apple would launch a TV set in 2012.

Apple does sell an "Apple TV," but it's small box that connects to a TV to display movies and shows from iTunes.

Apple shares rose \$4.91, or 1.1 percent, to \$434.70 in midday trading, as the tech-dominated Nasdaq index fell 0.3 percent. Apple's stock is still close to the 52-week low of \$419, which it hit a month ago. □

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Weak economic reports push stock market lower

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AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Weak reports on hiring and service industries sent the stock market sharply lower Wednesday, giving the Dow Jones industrial average its worst day in more than a month.

The Dow fell 111.66 points, or 0.8 percent, to 14,550.35, its worst decline since Feb. 25. The Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped 16.56 points, or 1.1 percent, to 1,553.69. Both indexes closed at record highs the day before.

The stock market started 2013 with a rally as investors became more optimistic about the U.S. economy, especially housing and jobs. The reports Wednesday disappointed the market and came two days after news that U.S. manufacturing growth slowed unexpectedly last month.

The losses were widespread. All 10 industry groups in the S&P 500 index fell. Banks and energy stocks had the worst losses, 1.7 percent and 1.6 percent. Utilities, which investors hold when they want to play it safe, fell the least,

0.3 percent.

"The market is overdue for a correction," said Joe Saluzzi at Themis Trading. "I don't think that the economy supports this type of a rally."

Signs of investor skittishness appeared across a number of different markets.

Commodities slumped. Crude oil dropped \$2.74, or 2.8 percent, to close at \$94.45 a barrel and industrial metals like copper fell. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 1.81 percent from 1.86 percent, the lowest level for the benchmark rate since January. The decline means investors are moving money into low-risk U.S. government debt.

The Russell 2000 index, which tracks small company stocks, fell for a third straight day, dropping 1.7 percent.

It's now down 3.5 percent so far this week, far worse than the declines in the Dow, 0.2 percent, and the S&P, 1 percent. That's another signal that investors may be becoming more bearish about the U.S. economy.

Small company stocks,

which did better than the Dow and the S&P 500 in the first three months of the year, are more sensitive



Specialist Geoffrey Friedman works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Monday. Stocks fell on Wall Street Wednesday, April 3, 2013, after reports on hiring and growth at service companies dampened optimism about the outlook for the U.S. economy.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

to the outlook for the U.S. economy than the larger companies in the Dow and S&P. That's because they rely far more on domestic sales than global giants like IBM and Caterpillar, which sells heavy machinery and construction equipment around the globe.

The Dow Jones Transportation Average, an index of

20 stocks including airlines like Delta and freight companies FedEx and UPS, fell more than 1 percent for

economists were expecting. The Institute for Supply Management's index of service companies fell to 54.4 from 56 a month earlier. The report was the weakest in seven months.

Separately, payrolls processor ADP reported that U.S. employers added 158,000 jobs last month, down from February's gain of 237,000. The ADP report is often seen as a preview for the government's broader survey on employment, which is due out Friday.

The slowdown in hiring was due in part to construction firms holding back on adding new employees. That sent the stocks of homebuilders lower. PulteGroup fell 85 cent, or 4.3 percent, to \$19.01 and D.R. Horton dropped 57 cents to \$22.84.

In other trading, the Nasdaq composite fell 36.26 points, or 1.1 percent, to 3,218.60.

Even though stocks started the second quarter lower, markets typically add to their gains after ending the first quarter up, said Sam Stovall, an equity strategist at S&P Capital IQ. Using data going back over more than 60 years, Stovall says that the S&P 500 has gained an average of 9 percent from April to December after rising in the first quarter.

"Investors believe that the economic trajectory is improving," said Stovall. Stocks "do not reflect the true valuations based on where the economy will be at the end of the year." Among stocks making big moves:

— Zynga rose 46 cents, or 15 percent, to \$3.53 after the online game maker said two casino games would debut in the United Kingdom Wednesday.

— Abercrombie & Fitch rose \$1.74, or 3.8 percent, to \$47.20, making it the biggest percentage gainer in the S&P 500. The company said late Tuesday that it planned to expand internationally and place greater emphasis on cost control. □

US home prices rose most in 7 years in Feb.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. home prices jumped in February by the largest amount in seven years, evidence that the housing recovery strengthened ahead of the all-important spring-buying season.

Home prices rose 10.2 percent in February compared with a year earlier, CoreLogic, a real estate data provider, said Wednesday. The annual gain was the biggest since March 2006. Prices have now increased on an annual basis for 12 straight months, underscoring the recovery's steady momentum.

The gains were broad-based.

Prices rose in 47 of 50 states and in all but four of the nation's 100 largest metro areas. Delaware, Ala-

bama and Illinois were the only states to report price declines.

CoreLogic's measure of national prices also rose

An increase in home sales has helped lift prices. In February, sales of previously owned homes reached the highest level in more

Another reason prices are rising is the supply of available homes for sale remains extremely low.

In January, it reached a 13-year low.

The supply of homes for sale did rise in February for the first time in 10 months. That suggests more people are gaining confidence in the housing recovery, which could help ease supply concerns and drive sales higher in the coming months.

The price gains were concentrated in the West, according to CoreLogic.

The states with the biggest price gains were Nevada, where prices rose 19.3 percent, followed by Arizona, with 18.6 percent, and California, with 15.3 percent. Hawaii and Idaho rose 14.6 percent and 13.5 percent, respectively. □



A "for sale" sign is seen outside a home in Glenview, Ill. U.S. home prices jumped in February by the largest amount in seven years, evidence that the housing recovery strengthened ahead of the all-important spring-buying season.

(AP Photo/Nam Y. Huh)

0.5 percent in February from January. That's a solid increase during the winter months, when sales typically slow.

than three years. Still, much of the demand has come from investors.

Sales to first-time buyers remain below healthy levels.

Monsanto profit rises 22% in second quarter

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Monsanto reported Wednesday that its income increased 22 percent in the agriculture products company's second quarter on strong sales of biotech seeds, particularly in Brazil and other emerging markets.

The company boosted its full-year earnings guidance, citing its strong performance in the first half of the year.

Its shares rose 2 percent in morning trading.

The St. Louis company said it earned \$1.48 billion, or \$2.74 per share in the three months ended Feb. 13, up from \$1.21 billion, or 2.24 per share, in the same quarter a year ago.

Monsanto Co.'s sales increased 15 percent to \$5.47 billion, led by genetically modified corn seeds, the company's best-selling product.

The company's results topped Wall Street predictions of \$2.56 per share on

sales of \$5.27 billion, according to FactSet.

Monsanto executives raised their full-year earn-

ing emerging markets like Argentina, Brazil and other Latin American countries.

The company's corn, soy-

beans and other agricultural staples. Monsanto has a policy that prohibits farmers from saving or reusing the seeds once a crop is grown.

Last month the Supreme Court heard a case between Monsanto and an Indiana farmer who replanted the company's herbicide-resistant soybeans after buying them second hand.

The court appeared likely to side with Monsanto Co. in its claim that the farmer violated the company's patents on the soybean technology.

Sales of the company's seeds business increased more than 10 percent to \$4.3 billion in the second quarter.

Sales of the company's agricultural productivity unit, which sells pesticides and herbicides, increased 36 percent to \$1.1 billion. □



A farmer holds a handful of seeds from Monsanto Co.
(Handout Photo)

ings outlook to between \$4.40 and \$4.50 per share, up from \$4.30 to \$4.40. Analysts expect earnings of \$4.56 per share.

Monsanto has dominated the bioengineered-seed business for more than a decade. In recent years the company has focused on growing business in

bean, cotton and other seeds have genetically engineered traits that repel bugs, increase yield and make them resistant to weed-killers.

The company says these benefit farmers enough that they come out ahead, even though the seeds cost more than conven-

March Report: U.S. service firms grow at slower pace

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. service companies expanded in March at a slower pace, dragged down by less growth in new orders and weaker hiring. The Institute for Supply Man-



Sherman Sykes cooks hamburgers for a lunchtime crowd at his rebuilt restaurant in Henryville, Ind. The ISM said Wednesday that its index of non-manufacturing activity fell to 54.4 last month from 56 in February.

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Survey:

US private employers add 158K jobs in March

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A survey shows U.S. companies added fewer jobs in March compared with the previous month, as construction firms held off on hiring after three months of solid gains. Private employers added 158,000 jobs last month, payroll processor ADP said Wednesday. That's down from February's gain of 237,000 and January's 177,000.

Construction companies didn't add any jobs in March, after average monthly gains of 29,000 in the previous three months. Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics, said the hiring surge during the previous months likely reflected a jump in rebuilding after Superstorm Sandy. Moody's helps compile the monthly report with ADP. The ADP report is derived

from actual payroll data and tracks total nonfarm private employment each month.

significant and that the underlying trend in monthly hiring is roughly 175,000. That's about where it's



Shawn Gordon, corporate presenter of the Dorsey Schools listens to a job applicant at the JobFairGiant.com employment fair in Dearborn, Mich.

(AP Photo/Carlos Osorio)

The report suggests that the government's March payroll figures, to be issued Friday, may come in below economists' forecast of 195,000 net jobs.

Zandi said the drop job growth last month wasn't

been for two years. Zandi expects the government's employment report will show hiring at that level in March.

"I don't think anything substantively changed in the month of March," he said.

Still, there are some signs that the health care reform law may be causing smaller companies to hold off on hiring, Zandi said. That law requires companies with 50 or more full-time workers to provide health insurance to their employees. To make that point, Zandi pointed to mid-sized retailers, hotels, restaurants and service companies — all of which slowed hiring last month.

Other reports suggest that the job market is improving. The number of people seeking unemployment benefits rose last week but is still lower than in February. That means companies are cutting fewer jobs and may post higher net gains.

And a closely watched survey of manufacturing activity showed factories hired in March at the fastest pace in nine months. □

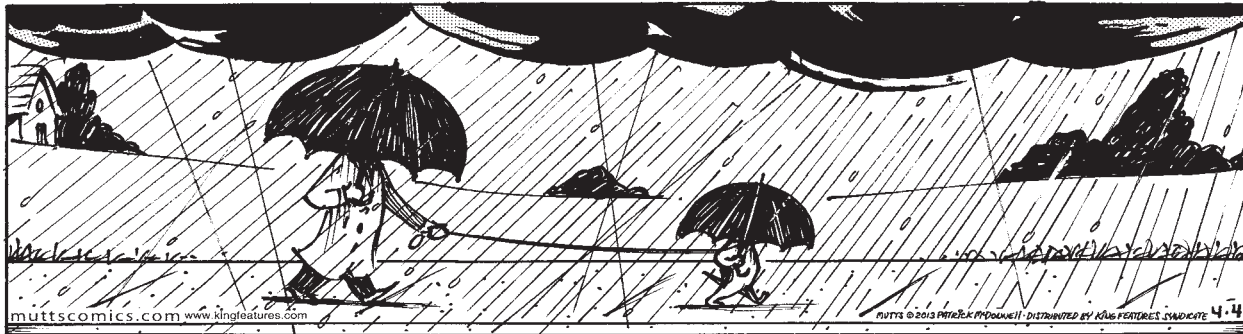
agement said Wednesday that its index of non-manufacturing activity fell to 54.4 last month from 56 in February. Any reading above 50 signals expansion. March's figure is the lowest in seven months.

The report measures growth in industries that employ 90 percent of the work force. Companies range from retail and construction to health care and financial services.

In March, companies kept adding jobs, but at a reduced pace. A gauge of hiring fell 3.9 points to 53.3, the lowest since November. That suggests Friday's government report on March employment could be much weaker than the previous four months, when job growth has averaged 200,000.

A separate survey Wednesday from payroll processor ADP showed private employers added just 158,000 jobs in March. That's down from February's gain of 237,000 reported by the survey. □

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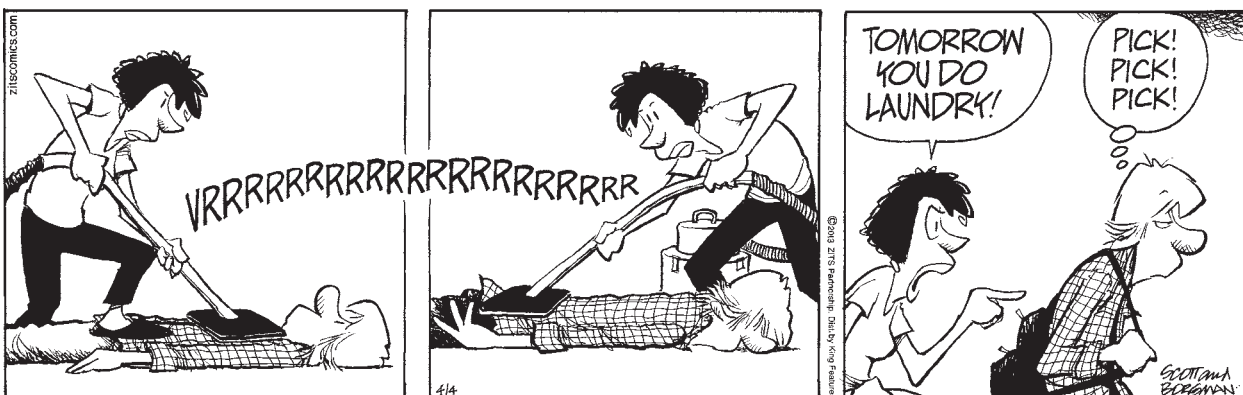
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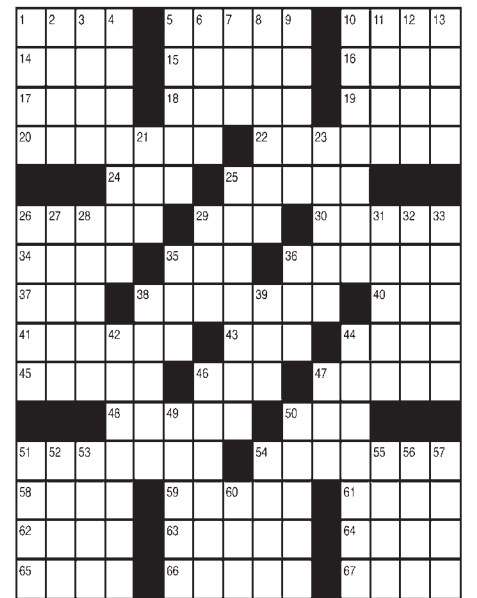
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- 1 Remain optimistic
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- 17 Raise, as kids
- 18 Red Delicious or McIntosh
- 19 Autry or Wilder
- 20 Put in order
- 22 Toiled
- 24 Motorist's need
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- 26 Concur
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- 30 Olympic events
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- 36 Feel sore about
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- 51 Mates
- 54 Madman
- 58 Grassy ground
- 59 In the lead
- 61 City in Nevada
- 62 Grew older
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- 46 Israelites' leader after Moses died
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- 49 Minimum
- 55 Drop of sorrow
- 56 Interested in
- 57 Price
- 50 More boorish
- 60 Poe's initials

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- 1 Israeli dance
- 2 Finished
- 3 Juicy fruit

Study points to possible path to hope for an AIDS vaccine

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In what may be an important step toward a long-elusive AIDS vaccine, U.S. researchers have minutely tracked one individual's powerful immune response to the virus to see how a series of mutations led to an antibody that can defeat many HIV strains.

A vaccine still remains far off, but the research lighted up one complex path that may someday be followed to that distant goal. "The beauty of this is that it's a big clue as to the sequential steps the virus and the antibody take as they evolve," said Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease, which financed the research. The study was led by scientists at Duke University and also drew in researchers from Columbia, Stanford, the University of Pennsylvania and elsewhere. It was published online Wednesday in the journal *Nature*. Scientists have so far failed to produce an AIDS vaccine because HIV mutates so rapidly.

The study analyzed many sequential samples of the blood of one African man from shortly after he was infected until about two years later, when he started to produce "broadly neutralizing antibodies." Antibodies are Y-shaped proteins that neutralize virus particles by grabbing onto all the surface receptors they use to attach to cells. The antibodies the patient eventually evolved were called "broadly neutralizing" because they were able to jam up about 55 percent of all known HIV strains. About 20 percent of all HIV carriers eventually produce broadly neutralizing antibodies, Fauci explained. But that usually happens only after they have been infected for between two and four years, and by that time the powerful antibodies can't save them because they are overwhelmed with so much mutating virus. In theory, if such antibodies could be cloned in bulk, a cocktail of enough variants to match all known HIV strains could be given to newly infected patients.

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Ant farms nurture curiosity, interest in children

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — What does it take to elevate the common ant from picnic pest to household pet?

To thousands of children and many adults, the answer is a bit of soil and a see-through enclosure that, in these modern times, can be made from an extra CD case or bought tricked out with special projection lights.

Ant farms, the narrow glass or plastic containers filled with soil that mimic ant colonies, have been popular among generations of children, and marketers say they remain in-demand even in the age of computers and video games.

Uncle Milton Industries, a Los Angeles-based company that has been in business for six decades, has sold more than 20 million ant farms. Company founder Milton Levine and his brother-in-law invented the ant farm nearly 60 years ago, and the company continues to update its main product, such as with a version that includes a light that projects the ants' shadows on the ceiling. "As the world gets more complex, some of these classic toys become more popular," said Ken Malouf, vice president of marketing and product management.

Thousands of people, not just children, enjoy insects as pets and are willing to spend the time and money on them, said Lila Higgins, manager of the Citizen Science and Live Animals exhibit at the Los Angeles County Natural History Museum.

"We have 16,000 people come to our bug fair every year and a lot of them buy or collect insects as pets. As long as we're buying



This Feb. 28, 2006 file photo shows ants exploring the confines of an Uncle Milton Ant Farm toy at the family-owned Uncle Milton Industries office in Westlake Village, Calif.

from responsible traders and collecting responsibly. I think the benefit (of taking queen ants) can far outweigh the cost to our environment," Higgins said.

Ant farms can be an easy way to help nurture a child's interest in insects, since they can be home-made or purchased. Uncle Milton Industries' ant farms come with 12 to 20 harvester worker ants, which are chosen because "they are diggers, strong and robust," Malouf said.

Queen ants are not included, so the colony will last about three months, he said. A colony reproduces because of the queen, its sole fertile member. Her eggs keep the colony going for years, Higgins said. Noah Shryack of Stanton, Texas, "has loved ants since he was 1 or 2 and he put them in his bucket and tried to bring them in the house," said his mom, Lana. She promised he could get an ant farm "when he was old enough," which was last Christmas, when he was 5.

"He loves it. He checks every morning to see what the ants have done overnight," said Shryack, who likes taking a look too. "I was almost as excited as him," she said.

Rachael Estanislao, an Atlanta blogger and mother of a 6-year-old boy, treats her son's ant farm as an educational toy rather than a pet, though she has used the ants to teach him about caring for another living creature.

"It's definitely like learning to have a pet. It's about learning to respect their environment and helping them live healthy," she said. As an educational toy, she said it was one of the few that has kept her son Anakin's interest.

The idea is to help kids discover nature and its critters in the hope it will make

them curious about the world around them, Malouf said. Estanislao agreed, saying the farm taught Anakin about ant hills and the mounds he sees outside. Shryack said her son is amazed most by the large pieces of food the ants can carry and their teamwork to dig tunnels.

She said when some died, she also used it as a teaching moment: "I just told him it is a normal process and some live and some die."

Those who want to build their ant farms can do so with a handful of CD cases and instructions that are readily available online. The trickiest part is filling the colony with harvester ants — the best type for keeping as pets — and catching a queen, since she has a lot of worker ants protecting her, Higgins said.

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The best time to catch a queen, which is bigger than the worker ants, is after the mating flight, Higgins said. Once a colony is settled, it will become "quite a yearslong investment," Higgins said.

Her colleague, Brian Brown, curator and chief of the NHM's entomology department, didn't have an ant farm as a child but his research on ant-decapitating flies forces him to work with the insects. Scientists are working to see if the flies from Argentina and Brazil can control fire ants in the United States, Brown said.

To him, ants have limited appeal as pets because they're not interactive: "Dogs are our perfect pets because we've evolved with them over thousands of years. They react to us, a lot of their behavior is directed toward humans. ... An ant colony is basically indifferent to our presence except when they're disturbed — when you bang on the glass or give them food or you mess around with their nest," Brown said. Malouf doesn't recommend toying too much with the ant farm, or leaving it in places where it can be knocked over by a pet or a human.

He added that escapes, though feared by most parents, are unlikely since the seals around the farm are very tight.

Brown figures an equally entertaining alternative to an ant farm could be a computerized projection of a live colony. □

Scientists find hint of dark matter from cosmos

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Associated Press

GENEVA (AP) — A \$2 billion cosmic ray detector on the International Space Station has found the footprint of something that could be dark matter, the mysterious substance that is believed to hold the cosmos together but has never been directly observed, scientists say.

But the first results from the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer, known by its ac-

ronym AMS, are almost as enigmatic as dark matter itself. They show evidence of new physics phenomena that could be the strange and unknown dark matter or could be energy that originates from pulsars, scientists at the European particle physics laboratory near Geneva announced Wednesday.

The results from the detector are significant, because dark matter is thought to make up about a quarter of all the matter in the uni-

verse. Unraveling the mystery of dark matter could help scientists better understand the composition of our universe and, more particularly, what holds galaxies together.

Nobel-winning physicist Samuel Ting, who leads the team, told colleagues at the European Organization for Nuclear Research, known as CERN, that he expects a more conclusive answer within months about this "unexpected new phenomena." □

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Leno to leave NBC's 'Tonight Show' next spring

DAVID BAUDER
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC on Wednesday announced its long-rumored switch in late night, replacing Jay Leno at the "Tonight" show with Jimmy Fallon and moving the iconic franchise back to New York.

Fallon will take over in about a year, the switch coinciding with NBC's Winter Olympics coverage next year. Veteran "Saturday Night Live" producer Lorne Michaels also will take over as executive producer of "Tonight."

NBC made no announcement on who would replace Fallon at the 12:35 a.m. "Late Night" slot, although Seth Meyers of "Saturday Night Live" is considered a strong candidate.

The change at "Tonight," the longest-running and most popular late-night talk show, had been widely reported but not confirmed by the network until Wednesday. NBC reportedly just wrapped up negotiations with Fallon on a contract extension.

Steve Burke, chief executive officer of NBC Universal, said the network is purposefully making the move when Leno is still at the top of the ratings, just as when Leno replaced Johnny Carson at "Tonight" in

1992.

"Jimmy Fallon is a unique talent and this is his time," Burke said.

Leno, in a statement, offered his congratulations

began in New York in the 1950s, but Carson moved it to California in 1972. Starting next year, Fallon, Letterman, Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert will tape

Michael Bloomberg.

New York state recently added a tax credit in its budget that seemed designed specifically to benefit NBC's move East with

programs they had taped earlier on their DVRs.

NBC is worried that ABC's Kimmel will establish himself as a go-to late night performer for a younger generation if the network doesn't move swiftly to install Fallon. ABC moved Kimmel's time slot to directly compete with Leno earlier this year.

But the move also has the potential to backfire with Leno's fans, who did not embrace O'Brien when Leno was temporarily moved to prime time a few years ago.

"The guys at NBC are not totally stupid and are not going to shoot themselves in the foot," said Gary Carr, senior vice president and executive director of national broadcast for the ad buying firm TargetCast. "I think it's a good move for them long-term. But it may have short-term ramifications." NBC has long prided itself on smooth transitions but that reputation took a hit with the short-lived and ill-fated move of O'Brien to "Tonight" and Leno to prime-time a few years ago. In morning television, the "Today" show has taken a ratings nose dive in large measure because of anger at how Ann Curry was treated when she was ousted last year as Matt Lauer's co-host. □



This undated promotional image released by NBC shows Jay Leno, host of "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," left, and Jimmy Fallon, host of "Late Night with Jimmy Fallon," in Los Angeles.

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to Fallon.

"I hope you're as lucky as me and hold on to the job until you're the old guy," he said. "If you need me, I'll be at the garage."

Fallon said: "I'm really excited to host a show that starts today instead of tomorrow."

NBC has been quietly building a new studio for Fallon at its Rockefeller Center headquarters. "Tonight"

late-night shows in New York. ABC's Jimmy Kimmel and TNT's Conan O'Brien will be the top California-based shows.

"The 'Tonight' show will bring even more jobs and economic activity to our city, and we couldn't be happier that one of New York's own is bringing the show back to where it started, and where it belongs," said New York City Mayor

"Tonight."

While a storied part of television tradition, the network late-night shows find themselves with much more competition now with cable programs like "Adult Swim," smaller talk shows hosted by the Comedy Central duo of Stewart and Colbert, Chelsea Handler and a device — a large number of people take that time to watch

Rolling Stones announce 9-city tour

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AP Music Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Call it satisfaction: The Rolling Stones have announced a nine-city tour.

The veteran rockers said Wednesday their "50 and Counting" tour will kick off in Los Angeles at the Staples Center. The date will be announced later.

The second show is in Oakland, Calif., on May 5. The tour will also visit San Jose, Calif.; Las Vegas; Anaheim, Calif.; Toronto; Chicago; and Boston. The tour ends June 18 in Philadelphia.

Tickets for Oakland, San

Jose, Toronto and Chicago go on sale April 8. Ticket sales for the other cities will be announced later.

The band will also headline the Glastonbury Festival on June 29 and will perform at London's Hyde Park on July 6.

Former band mate Mick Taylor, who was a member of the Rolling Stones from 1969 through 1974, will be a special guest throughout the tour.

The foursome celebrated their 50 anniversary late last year, playing five sold-out shows in New York, New Jersey and London.

Special guests included Bruce Springsteen, Lady Gaga, the Black Keys and Mary J. Blige.

"We did a few shows in London and New York last year ... and had such a good time that we thought ... let's do some more," Mick Jagger said in a statement. "It's a good show."

"From day one at rehearsals it sounded so fresh. You could tell that everybody was dying to get their teeth into it," Keith Richards said. "... it is the life and blood of us to play in front of people."

The band released a



This Dec. 8, 2012 file photo shows Ronnie Wood, from left, Mick Jagger and Keith Richards of The Rolling Stones performing in New York. The band is expected to release information on their upcoming tour on Wednesday, April 3, 2013.

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30-second video early Wednesday featuring Jagger, Richards, Charlie

Watts and Ronnie Wood chatting about getting together again. □



In this photo taken Jan. 5, 2012, U.S. director David Fincher smiles during a photo call for the movie "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" in Berlin, Germany.

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Australia puts \$22.6M into '20,000 Leagues' remake

ROD McGUIRK
Associated Press

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — Australia is paying its biggest Hollywood inducement ever to bring "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" Down Under.

The Walt Disney Studios will film a new version of the science fiction classic in Australia, which will pay the studio 21.6 million Australian dollars (\$22.6 million) to film there, the government said Tuesday.

David Fincher of "The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo" and "The Social Network" will direct, said Disney Asia-Pacific spokeswoman Alannah Hall-Smith.

"No casting decisions have been made," she said, so the filming schedule and locations haven't been set.

The Australian newspaper reported the movie was offered to Brad Pitt, who starred in Fincher's "Fight Club," and to Channing Tatum, though nothing has been set.

The story centers on Capt. Nemo and the undersea adventures encountered on his submarine the Nautilus. Jules Verne's book was made into an Academy Award-winning movie in 1954 with Kirk Douglas starring as sailor Ned Land and James Mason as Nemo.

The announcement comes after "The Wolverine," starring Australian actor Hugh Jackman, recently wrapped filming in Sydney.

The government paid Fox Studios AU\$12.8 million to film in Australia.

Prime Minister Julia Gillard said the "The Wolverine" created more than 1,750 jobs, contracted more than 1,027 Australian companies and generated AU\$80 million in investment. She expects "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" will create more than 2,000 jobs.

A strong Australian dollar buoyed by a mining boom has made Australia less attractive to Hollywood as a filmmaking location in recent years.

The payment comes in the form of a grant based on a percentage of the film's expected expenditures in Australia.

The standard location offset has been 16.5 percent, though the film industry is lobbying for it to be raised to 30 percent.

The government announced last month the creation of a new AU\$20 million fund to complement the location offset. It also said it would consider increasing the offset above 16.5 percent if the Australian dollar remained high.

It wasn't known how much the payment would offset the film's budget. It is a major inducement compared to those typically offered in America, where states often give tax breaks to movie and TV productions to film within their borders. □



This film image released by Warner Bros. Pictures shows Chadwick Boseman as Jackie Robinson in a scene from "42," by writer-director Brian Helgeland.

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'42' shows why Jackie Robinson still matters

CHRISTY LEMIRE
AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — There's a scene in "42" in which Jackie Robinson, the first black player in modern Major League Baseball, endures intolerably cruel racial slurs from the Philadelphia Phillies' manager. It's early in the 1947 season. Each time the Brooklyn Dodgers' first baseman comes up to bat, manager Ben Chapman emerges from the dugout, stands on the field and taunts him with increasingly personal and vitriolic attacks. It's a visible struggle, but No. 42 maintains his composure before a crowd of thousands.

As a viewer, it's uncomfortable to watch — although as writer-director Brian Helgeland points out, "if anything, the language we have in that scene was cleaned up from what it was."

Such hatred may seem archaic, an ugly episode in our nation's history that we'd rather forget. But remembering Robinson's accomplishments is more important than ever, say people involved with "42" and baseball historians alike. And because he was such an inspiring cultural figure, it's more important

than ever to get his story right.

Helgeland, an Oscar winner for his "L.A. Confidential" screenplay who previously directed "Payback" and "A Knight's Tale," said he felt "an enormous amount of pressure" to be faithful to Robinson's story, both because of his significance and because his life had been written about so extensively. That included recreating games right from the box scores. So when Robinson (Chadwick Boseman) homers during a crucial pennant-race game off a pitcher who'd dinged him earlier in the year, it's a dramatic moment, but it also actually happened.

"It's always a tricky thing because it's a movie, and even in this movie we're trying to tell two years in two hours," he said. "You're obviously not seeing every moment, but the discipline I applied to the script was trying to make sure every moment was documented."

Helgeland began working on the film two years ago, with the blessing of Robinson's widow, Rachel, because he felt Robinson "deserves a great, big movie." Robinson himself starred in the 1950 biography "The

Jackie Robinson Story," which also details how Brooklyn Dodgers president and general manager Branch Rickey (played here by a feisty Harrison Ford) had the courage to sign the fleet-footed Negro League player, despite receiving discouragement from around the league and death threats from fans. "People would say to me, 'You're making another Jackie Robinson movie?' and I'd say, 'What was the other one you saw?'" Helgeland said. "(Racism is) always going to be a relevant thing. It's not a thing that's ever going to be eradicated. Society has to stay on guard about it and not get complacent about it." Boseman, who bears a remarkable resemblance to Robinson, grew up playing basketball but said he learned of Robinson's importance around the same time he first learned of Martin Luther King Jr.'s crucial role in fighting for civil rights. Robinson's uniform number has been retired throughout the league — only New York Yankees closer Mariano Rivera still wears it, and he's retiring after this season — but every year on April 15, everyone in baseball wears No. 42. □

Need A Job? Invent It



THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN

© 2013 New York Times When Tony Wagner, the Harvard education specialist, describes his job today, he says he's "a translator between two hostile tribes" – the education world and the business world, the people who teach our kids and the people who give them jobs. Wagner's argument in his book "Creating Innovators: The Making of Young People Who Will Change the World" is that our K-12 and college tracks are not consistently "adding the value and teaching the skills that matter most in the marketplace."

This is dangerous at a time when there is increasingly no such thing as a high-wage, middle-skilled job – the thing that sustained the middle class in the past generation. Now there is only a high-wage, high-skilled job. Every middle-class job today is being pulled up, out or down faster than ever. That is, it either requires more skill or can be done by more people around the world or is being buried – made obsolete – faster than ever. Which is why the goal of education today, argues Wagner, should not be to make every child "college ready" but "innovation ready" – ready to add value to whatever they do.

That is a tall task. I tracked Wagner down and asked him to elaborate. "Today," he said via email, "because knowledge is available on every Internet-connected device, what you know matters far less than what you can do with what you know. The capacity to innovate – the ability to solve problems creatively or bring new possibilities to life – and skills like critical thinking, communication and collaboration are far more important than academic knowledge. As one executive told me, 'We can teach new hires the content, and we will have to because it continues to change, but we can't teach them how to think – to ask the right questions – and to take initiative.'"

My generation had it easy. We got to "find" a job. But, more than ever, our kids will have to "invent" a job. (Fortunately, in today's world, that's easier and cheaper than ever before.) Sure, the lucky ones will find their first job, but, given the pace of change today, even they will have to reinvent, re-engineer and reimagine that job much more often than their parents if they want to advance in it. If that's true, I asked Wagner, what do young people need to know today?

"Every young person will con-

tinue to need basic knowledge, of course," he said. "But they will need skills and motivation even more. Of these three education goals, motivation is the most critical. Young people who are intrinsically motivated – curious, persistent and willing to take risks – will learn new knowledge and skills continuously. They will be able to find new opportunities or create their own – a disposition that will be increasingly important as many traditional careers disappear."

So what should be the focus of education reform today?

"We teach and test things most students have no interest in and will never need, and facts that they can Google and will forget as soon as the test is over," said Wagner. "Because of this, the longer kids are in school, the less motivated they become. Gallup's recent survey showed student engagement going from 80 percent in fifth grade to 40 percent in high school. More than a century ago, we 'reinvented' the one-room schoolhouse and created factory schools for the industrial economy. Reimagining schools for the 21st century must be our highest priority. We need to focus more on teaching the skill and will to learn and to make a difference and bring the three most powerful ingredients of intrinsic motivation into the classroom: play, passion and purpose."

What does that mean for teachers and principals?

"Teachers," he said, "need to coach students to performance excellence, and principals must be instructional leaders who create the culture of collaboration required to innovate. But what gets tested is what gets taught, and so we need 'Accountability 2.0.' All students should have digital portfolios to show evidence of mastery of skills like critical thinking and communication, which they build up right through K-12 and postsecondary. Selective use of high-quality tests, like the College and Work Readiness Assessment, is important. Finally, teachers should be judged on evidence of improvement in students' work through the year – instead of a score on a bubble test in May. We need lab schools where students earn a high school diploma by completing a series of skill-based 'merit badges' in things like entrepreneurship."

And schools of education where all new teachers have 'residencies' with master teachers and performance standards – not content standards – must become the new normal throughout the system."

Who is doing it right?

"Finland is one of the most innovative economies in the world," he said, "and it is the only country where students leave high school 'innovation-ready.' They learn concepts and creativity more than facts, and have a choice of many electives – all with a shorter school day, little homework and almost no testing. □"



Will Gays Be Punished For Success?



MAUREEN DOWD

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WASHINGTON – Gays might not win because they've already won?

That was the moronic oxymoron at the heart of the Supreme Court debate on same-sex marriage.

As Washington shivered in a chilly spring, there was no music of history at America's highest court. The justices offered no pearls on liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Justice Antonin Scalia didn't even know how many states allowed gay marriage. Clarence Thomas looked distracted, whispering to clerks and tilting horizontally in his chair. Justice Anthony Kennedy had a single compassionate moment, mentioning the children whose gay parents were stuck in marital limbo. But for the most part, the human factor, how demeaning it feels to be shunted to a lower plane than your fellow citizens, was ignored.

Kennedy offered no lovely odes to fairness as he did in *Lawrence v. Texas* in 2003, striking down a sodomy law, when people in the courtroom actually wept at his majority opinion, which stated that "the heart of liberty is the right to define one's own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, and of the mystery of human life."

Brushing back originalists and troglodytes then, Kennedy said that "times can blind us to certain truths, and later generations can see that laws once thought necessary and proper in fact serve only to oppress."

On Wednesday, Chief Justice

John Roberts played Karl Rove, musing not about moral imperatives but political momentum.

"You don't doubt that the lobby supporting the enactment of same-sex marriage laws in different states is politically powerful, do you?" he asked Roberta Kaplan, the New York lawyer representing Edie Windsor, the captivating 83-year-old who argued that she would not have been socked with a whopping estate tax bill if her spouse had been named Theo instead of Thea. Roberts pressed the point, noting, "As far as I can tell, political figures are falling over themselves to endorse your side of the case."

Certainly, the cascading headlines were buoying. "Gay Marriage Already Won," Time proclaimed. "Why the Gay-Marriage Fight Is Over," The New Yorker deemed. It was hard to find vocal opponents in the vibrant demonstration outside the Supreme Court, and Rush Limbaugh conceded, "This issue is lost." There was even a Chick-fil-A franchise in Southern California giving free meals to gay-marriage supporters.

But Roberts' suggestion that gays are banishing a long, egregious history of blatant, disgusting, government-sponsored discrimination on their own is absurd. You could almost hear him thinking, "They've got 'Glee,' they've got Ellen, they've got Tammy Baldwin – what are they whining about?"

Can you imagine Chief Justice Earl Warren, a Republican, making a similar point about blacks during the 1967 *Loving v. Virginia* arguments? In that case, the 1964 Civil Rights Act had been passed and the 1967 movie "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" was a harbinger of a sea change on mixed-race marriages. The court noted in its opinion that the political process had achieved significant progress around the country, with 14 states in 15 years repealing laws outlawing interracial marriages.

Yet the justices struck down the law anyway because, as they said, "the freedom to marry has long been recognized as one of the vital personal rights essential to the orderly pursuit of happiness by free men." (Paving the way for Clarence and Ginni Thomas to live happily ever after in Virginia.)

When the suit against Proposition 8, the initiative that banned gay marriage in California, was filed in 2009, opponents argued that it was too soon and that a court decision favoring gay rights could cause a backlash. Now opponents say things are going so well for gays that they don't need help from the Supreme Court. Damned if you do and damned if you don't. (Or in this case, damned if you say "I do.") Gays may be winning on atmospherics, but there's only so much more progress they can make politically.

Women are protected from discrimination under the law even though they make up 51 percent of the population and are as responsible as anybody for putting Barack Obama in the Oval Office twice.

But Congress has passed no federal protections for gays on employment, housing and education. In 29 states, it is perfectly legal to fire someone because of his or her sexual orientation. The FBI says the only uptick in hate crimes involves attacks on gays. Thirty-one states have enacted constitutional amendments banning same-sex marriage. Beyond the nine states where they can marry, plus D.C., gays may pick up Illinois and Delaware, but then there's a hard stop. Those struck by Cupid in places like Alabama, Arkansas and Utah will long be left either moving or saying, "I'm deliriously, madly in love with you, but let's leave it to the states, honey."

Even with Hispanics riding high in the public arena, the "wetback" crack by the Republican congressman Don Young of Alaska shows bigotry is always lurking. □

Producing Pasta With A Perfectionist's Touch

NICK CZAP

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SAN FRANCISCO – In 2010, as the chef Jonathan Benno was creating the menu for Lincoln Ristorante in New York, he found himself with a culinary challenge. Lincoln had a prime location on the campus of Lincoln Center and a striking custom-designed building. But Benno felt a certain pressure to distinguish his project from an increasing-

pasta cooked al dente. And despite all the effort, it can be a time saver.

"It takes a minute to cook," White said. "If you were cooking dry pasta to order, it's at least seven or eight minutes. When you're trying to choreograph that in the kitchen, pasta and different appetizers, it's very hard to do with dry pasta." As for how Benno could take on the task of making his own, White had a sec-

tion's most acclaimed restaurants, like Maialino and Il Buco Alimentari e Vineria in New York and Flour & Water, SPQR and Locanda in San Francisco.

On a recent morning, Mitidieri – a youthful 61, nattily dressed in a porkpie hat, tweed jacket and a butterfly-bedecked scarf – gave a tour of his showroom and warehouse here in the Mission District. After explaining the inner workings of

to educate him, but he didn't have time to listen to me."

Considering Mitidieri's expertise, aspiring pastaios would do well to heed his advice. The Brazilian-born son of parents from Calabria, Italy, Mitidieri immigrated to San Francisco in 1967. He studied business, immersed himself in the city's Italian community and in 1978 took a job at a North Beach ravioli factory,

restaurant, was looking to buy a tortellini maker and a ravioli maker for its open kitchen. He drew on his connections in Italy, and brokered his first sale. In the 34 years since, he said, he has outfitted nearly 1,000 restaurants with pasta machines.

Today, the ease with which the chefs discuss the ins and outs of pasta production makes him sound like the foreman of a small factory, which is not far off the mark: Many days some 25 pounds of dough run through the machines to create the many varieties of pasta on the menu.

Benno pointed out that the outlay for a kilogram of raw ingredients – flour and a splash of water or eggs – is a small fraction of the cost of a kilogram of high-quality imported pasta. But production has its own expenses: the price of the machines, training and daily labor. Those costs, in turn, appear to be made up at the restaurant's cash register: Lincoln charges \$24 for a plate of sweet potato casonsei; Marea asks \$25 for ricotta ravioli with pesto. But the average diner need not abandon hope. Mitidieri has been putting the finishing touches on an invention that he believes will make pasta-making more attractive to lower-end restaurateurs.

"Ninety-seven percent of the restaurant industry wouldn't consider having a pasta machine, because they buy prepared pasta, or they seem intimidated by the machine," he said, "but they all have a Hobart," referring to the burly commercial mixer.

Sensing an untapped market, Mitidieri enlisted a machinist in Italy to develop a compact extruder and a sheeting machine that bolt onto a Hobart's accessory socket. Capable of doing the work of stand-alone machines costing two-and-a-half times as much, these new devices may prove to be his silver (or in this case, stainless steel) bullet.

"When they see it, they'll buy it," he said. "I showed it to some chefs, and it blew their minds." □



Julio Cardenas makes sweet potato casonsei at Lincoln Ristorante at Lincoln Center, in New York. The pasta was made fresh using a machine imported from Italy by Emilio Mitidieri.

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ly crowded field.

"Look at all of the new Italian restaurants that are getting attention in New York and Brooklyn," he said. "It's staggering. You can't keep up with it." Under such circumstances, he said, a chef has to ask, "What's going to make us special?" A friend of Benno's, the chef Michael White, had an idea: fresh pasta. Prepared properly, house-made pasta has a luxuriously silky, creamy texture and a springy bite quite different from that of dried

and suggestion: Call Emilio. Benno was soon on the phone with Emilio Mitidieri, an entrepreneur who has carved out a lucrative niche over the last three decades by equipping Italian restaurants with the means of manufacturing their most crucial ingredient.

Last year, Mitidieri's company here, Emiliomiti, did \$1.6 million in business, importing and selling machinery from a number of Italian manufacturers. His customers include some of the na-

complex contraptions, including a hulking 1980s-vintage tortellini maker whose metal fingers replicate the movements perfected by countless Italian grandmothers, he emphasized that his company was not merely in the business of selling, but of matching equipment to each restaurant's needs.

"We have a lot of questions for the client," he said. "A kid called me yesterday and had no clue – said he wanted to make 'noodles.' I had a long conversation

where he mastered the intricacies of mechanized pasta production. Later that year, he took what proved to be an influential sabbatical.

"I went to Italy for a couple of weeks and stayed nine months," he said. "I went to a lot of pasta machine factories, learned about the machines, how they made them, who they make them for and how they did business."

On returning to California in 1979, Mitidieri got word that Ciao, a San Francisco res-